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TWO FATALITIES ON THE RAILROAD.

Brakeman E. F. Davis Killed at Eureka on Saturday.

WAS HIT BY FAST TRAIN NO. 47

Leaves Bride of a Few Months on Patterson Avenue, Connellsville—Italian Watchman Run Down by Train No 9 on Sunday Morning.

Ernest F Davis 21 years old a Pittsburg division brakeman was run down and instantly killed at Eureka Saturday afternoon by Train No 47 Davis was off his train standing along the track at Eureka when the fast express sped around the sharp curve He was struck by it and hurled against his own train and his life knocked out of him His head was horribly smashed and his body mangled

Davis resided with his wife at the home of H F Thompkin 209 East Patterson avenue His parents Mr and Mrs J B Davis reside in North Carolina He was married but a few months ago The body was brought to Connellsville and prepared for burial by Undertaker J E Sims The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning at 10 o clock with interment in Hill Grove cemetery

Stephano Castanio an Italian employed as watchman by the B & O at Indian Creek was run down Sunday morning by Train No 9 at Indian Creek and instantly killed The remains were brought to the undertaking rooms of J E Sims last night and the funeral will take place Tuesday with interment in St Joseph s cemetery Deceased was 4 years old

It was thought that Castanio was walking along the track to see that it was in good condition and that having his head muffled in a heavy shawl did not hear the approach of the fast train The crew of Train No 9 did not know that they had struck him and it was not discovered until later in the day that the man had been killed

CAR DITCHED.

West Penn Coach Jumped Track at Buckeye Switch and Went Over a Small Bank

MT PLEASANT Feb 3—A West Penn street car due at Mt Pleasant at 7 30 was ditched at Buckeye Works midway between Iron Bridge and Mt Pleasant at 7 15 o clock Sunday evening the car being precipitated down a five foot embankment tieing up the street car system several hours Passengers were transferred around the wreck however

As the car came off the Buckeye siding Motorman Fulmer applied the power to get under good headway when he felt a bumping and jerking behind and received the signal of Conductor Clifford Peters to stop He made the stop in ten feet but the rear truck of the car had climbed the frog part of the switch and allowed the wheels to slip down over the bank

The car was filled with passengers but the embankment was so small that not even a window in the car was broken and every one escaped injury Wrecking crews were hastened to the scene but it was several hours after the accident before the car was back on the rails hand jacks being used

BUYS A HOTEL.

S. K Reed Purchases the Pt. Marion House from D J Johnson for About $25,000

Sample K Reed formerly part owner and manager of the White Rock Distilling Company has purchased the Pt Marion House from D J Johnson and the lease and fixtures from Proprietor Albright He will make application for the transfer of the license at this term of license court The consideration is said to be $25 000

The hotel is splendidly located and is in first class condition It was for a number of years owned by Andrew Haas who disposed of it to take the Haas Hotel Mr Haas got the first license granted at Point Marion In the past few years Point Marion has grown wonderfully and is now a thriving little town Its future is very promising as there are a number of new coke companies opening up the territory and the glass industry is expanding each year Mr Reed was at Point Marion today on business connected with the transfer of the hotel

Burgess Cochran a Candidate

Burgess Harry Cochran of Dawson is a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the Legislature in the Second district of Fayette county

CASE SETTLED

Suit of Orient Coke Company Against Redstone Township Dropped

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—A settlement has been effected in the case of the Orient Coke Company against Redstone township This was a claim for about $200 The coke company claimed that the Supervisors had contracted to have coke ashes placed along a road in the township and that the township would pay for the work When the bill was rendered there was a dispute over it It is not known the terms of the settlement made today

LIBRARY REPORT.

Books Circulated Second Largest in History of the Library—Total Registration is Now 3,930

The monthly report of the Carnegie Free Library given out on Monday by Mrs Mary Elizabeth Dalgh librarian stands second in the history of the library 4 2__ books being circulated during the month an increase of 1 300 over that of the month of December January 31 1 134 books were in circulation During the month 197 books 138 of which were non fiction and 2_ juvenile were added making the total number of books now in the library 5 9_9

There was 78 new registrations during the month making the total registration 3 930 which is more than half as many people as there are books in the library Visits to the reference room were 49_ and 460 patrons visited the periodical room From January to until January 31, 39 magazines were in circulation

Fifty five back volumes of magazines are now ready for the bindery During the month 812 children attended the Story Hours conducted by Miss Sarah Seaton assistant librarian The Sunday attendance is not as large as it should be

WILLIAMS APPOINTED

To Vacancy in Register and Recorder's Office Made by the Resignation of Greene

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—A new face in the Register and Recorder's office today is Ash F Williams who was for many years chief clerk in the Prothonotary s office Mr Williams succeeds Roy Bowden of Dawson who was made chief deputy to Register and Recorder Logan Rush succeeding Wm W Greene whose nomination as postmaster of Uniontown is now before the Senate

Postmaster Greene s commission has not arrived yet but it is expected here today or tomorrow The appointment of Greene as postmaster removed him from the field as a candidate for Register and Recorder Williams recently resigned his position in the Prothonotary s office

MORTON GETS MONEY.

Orphans Court Directs That Funds Held by Court Be Turned Over to Him

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—Judge J C Work of the Orphans Court this morning made an order directing that the funds collected for rents which have been held by the court since the dispute began over the will of the late Amanda Morton be paid over to be executor A B Morton

A decree and distribution in the estate of Levi Murray late of Springfield township who died January 21 1907, was made this morning The deceased left four children and appointed George Kern executor who reported that there was $933 92 for distribution Each of the children was ordered paid $200 and the balance distributed pro rata

STORK BRAVED STORM

And Left Little Son at Home of Willet Halstead and E W Horner

The brave old stork though buffeted by sleet and rain and snow in the howling blizzard Friday night and safely winged his way and left two howling precious little mites of humanity at the homes of Willet Halstead South Pittsburg street and E W Horner Crawford avenue Both little chaps tip the beam at close to 10 pounds

On Thursday the stork also left a boy at the home of Mr and Mrs Hoyt Miller on Cottage avenue

SEVERE AT LATROBE

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Blown Down

LATROBE Feb 1—(Special)—Much damage resulted from a terrific wind storm which swept this section last night uprooting telephone and telegraph poles and wires and tying up the service Electric lighting wires were blown down and the town was in darkness

Participants of a school festival were compelled to remain in the building throughout the night

AN ELOQUENT LECTURE

Dr. Byron W. King's at Men's Meeting of the Y. M. C. A

THE AMBITION OF HIS BOYHOOD.

Has Established a Home at Salt Lake City Now and is a Lecturer of National Prominence—Goes to Florida Next Week

A big audience turned out at the Y M C A at the Soisson theatre yesterday afternoon

The address of Dr Byron W King was an eloquent plea delivered by a master of elocution for The Charity that thinketh no evil The speaker played upon the heartstrings of his audience with a skillful hand He led them from sadness to laughter from tenderness to pathos but he kept them ever close to the Perfect Man He said he drove 1_ miles the night before from 10 o clock to 1 in a blinding snow storm and bitter cold rather than to disappoint the old friends in Connellsville He referred to his early life near Mt Pleasant and his struggles to overcome a hopeless case of stammering He said he was a good quiet boy because he couldn t help it but that his wildest ambition was to talk and he added that some people had perhaps been sorry ever since that he learned He spoke of his first entertainment at Stahlstown where the audience consisted of nine persons at 10c admission and six of them deadheads In the early days he said The Courier referred to him as Bryon W King the elocutionist His ambition now was to be called by another name He wanted to be known as the Uplifter of the Human Face He wanted people to look up at the light of Christian charity and brotherly love not down at the muck and misery of dark and brooding suspicion After the lecture Dr King spent some time shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances The Mt Pleasant school boy and local elocutionist has become a lecturer whose fame is national He has established a home in Salt Lake City Next week he goes to the Florida Chautauqua at Deland where he gives a two weeks course of lectures on Shakespeare

THE WRONG MAN.

Wesley Means Throws a Whisky Bottle at Combatant and Hits Passenger in Mouth

Wesley Means of Uniontown created a disturbance on a West Penn car Saturday night He got into a quarrel with a passenger on the car and attempted to hit him with a whisky bottle The bottle was hurled at his opponent but instead of striking him hit Charles Lawson square in the mouth making an ugly wound

The disturbance took place at the B & O crossing The car was turned and Means taken to Uniontown and handed over to the police He was later released on a forfeit

LUNACY COMMISSIONER

J M Oglevee Appointed for Rachael Frye of Markleysburg

UNIONTOWN Feb —Attorney J W Dawson this morning presented a petition asking that a commissioner in lunacy be appointed for Rachel Frye of Markleysburg and J M Oglevee was appointed The petition was filed at the request of Sylvanus Thomas who has $100 in funds due the woman from the settlement of an estate She has been in the asylum for some time

CHRISTNER MANAGER

Will Have Charge of the White Rock Distilling Company

The Directors of the White Rock Distilling Company met Saturday and elected B H Christner general manager of the distillery Mr Christner is a well known young man and has for several years been engaged in the revenue service

He succeeds S K Reed at the distillery Mr Reed having sold his interests some time ago to local men

STORM DAMAGE NOW REPAIRED

Electric Company and Telephone Systems Now in Good Working Order

The storm damage of Friday night has all been repaired The telephone systems have opened up communication with nearly all points again The West Penn Electric Company had its lighting plant in good shape Saturday night All towns had plenty of light and power

Trolley traffic throughout Sunday was maintained on schedule time

Brandy Kills Boy

PITTSBURG Feb 3—(Special)—James McDonald aged 4 years drank brandy yesterday and died early this morning

ELECTION MUDDLE

In Redstone Township Straightened Out by Commissioners Today

UNIONTOWN Feb —The election officers of Redstone townships Nos 1 and in which there was a mix up over the primary vote appeared before the commissioners with their ballot boxes and the tangle was straightened out The election officers had put some of the papers that should have gone to the commissioners in the ballot boxes and vice versa The returns of both parties were made out together and it was impossible to determine the result of the vote

JAMISON BACK.

Former Assistant B & O Yardmaster Has Been Appointed Assistant Trainmaster

Thomas Jamison formerly assistant yardmaster at Connellsville but for the past year assistant trainmaster on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the B & O has been transferred to Connellsville where he will become assistant trainmaster This change was brought about by the leave of absence granted to Frank S Moore who will go west for six months Harry Hamilton takes up the duties of the trainmaster Two yardmasters one day and one night will be assigned to the Somerset & Cambria branch They will be stationed at Adams It is likely that William Dice and Frank McVicker will be appointed to these places

Another change announced is the appointment of L M Peck yardmaster at Uniontown to be assistant trainmaster There is a general reorganization of the forces all over the road and it is likely that there will be several other changes announced in a few days

GOING WEST.

Frank B Moore B & O Trainmaster Secures a Leave of Absence for Six Months

Frank B Moore trainmaster of the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio has been granted a leave of absence for six months and will go to Denver Colo for that period Harry Hamilton who has been assistant trainmaster will attend to his duties during his absence

Mr Moore will make the trip to Denver for the purpose of transacting some business matters which require his personal attention there and while in the West he will take advantage of the trip to travel about through that section of the country on a pleasure tour

R A Wolford has been appointed general car foreman of the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Mr Wolford is a young man who has made rapid strides since taking employment with the company

PRINCIPAL'S MEETING

At Perryopolis Next Saturday Will Be a Big Event There

Arrangements have been made by Principal J Buell Snyder of the Perryopolis schools for an educational meeting to be held in the High School building at Perryopolis Saturday February 8 This will be the first meeting of the kind ever held at Perryopolis and many prominent educational instructors are expected to be present

The morning session will convene at 9 A M the afternoon session at 1 30 P M and the evening session at 8 P M Dr S B McCormick Chancellor of the Western University of Pennsylvania and ex County Superintendent of Westmoreland county will speak Dr Waitman Barbe assistant to the President of the West Virginia University and Dr T C Hockenberry of the California State Normal will be the speakers Saturday evening Saturday morning will be in charge of the Perryopolis teachers while Saturday afternoon addresses will be delivered by W S Deffenbaugh Superintendent of the Connellsville schools H George May Principal of the New Haven schools I D Brightwell of Morgantown and other Principals from various towns Great interest is being manifested in the meeting by the Board of Education and teachers is well and an interesting meeting is anticipated

DOCTORS BANQUET

It Will be Held at Arlington Hotel First Thursday of March

The second annual banquet of the Yough Medico Social Club which was to have been held Thursday evening has been postponed until the first Thursday evening in March

The regular meeting will be held Thursday evening at the home of Dr R S McKee on Main street New Haven

Aged Man Dies in Snow

Edward Sweeney aged 75 years a well known resident of the McDonald district, was found dead in the snow in the road at Laurel Hill near McDonald one night last week

BOND ISSUE AWARDED

By Finance Committee of the School Board Last Evening.

CLEVELAND BANK BID ACCEPTED

Premium of Only $17 Offered and the Interest Will Be at 5 Per Cent on $14 000—One Firm s Bid Was Below Par.

The Finance Committee of the School Board met Friday in the office of Attorney E C Higbee and awarded the issue of $14 000 5 per cent school bonds to the First National Bank of Cleveland O at a premium of $17 There were a number of bids filed with the Board but this was the highest submitted and the Committee decided to accept this bond with the approval Monday night of the School Board

Chairman W S Schenck presided with members P F Hartigan Thomas Holt and Secretary Frank O Connor present The bonds cover a period from 1908 to 1917 and are to be delivered to the bank with accrued interest to date of delivery and premium of $17 A certified check for $500 accompanied the bid

The lowest bidder for the bonds was Emery Anderson & Company of Cleveland This company offered $13 750 $250 below par The next highest bidder to the successful firm was Otis & Hough of Cleveland O who offered $14 0_1 or $_ less than the successful bidders

The bid of the First National Bank of Cleveland will be submitted for approval by the Board Monday night and the certificates must be elaborately engraved It is thought that the work of engraving can be completed within two weeks and that the School Board will have the use of the money within a period of two weeks at least

The committee are all of the opinion that the premium of $17 is low but that it is the best that can be secured at this time with the money market as it is and under the circumstances. For this reason they have determined to accept the $17 which will pay for all the expenses in connection with the printing and advertising of the bids

GIRL SENT HOME.

Superintendent of Police McQuaide Takes Care of Dawson Young Woman in Bad Company

PITTSBURG Feb —Superintendent of Police Thomas A McQuaide maintained his reputation for gallantry when he went down into his own pocket to help one of the women taken in third avenue raids last Saturday night

The young woman was arrested at a house in Third avenue At the police station she was found to be in a serious condition from the use of morphine and was sent to the Homeopathic hospital When she was released yesterday the young woman was penniless When she promised to return to her parents at Dawson Pa and try to reform Superintendent McQuaide supplied her with money to pay her transportation

WANT VIEWERS

Appointed to Assess Damages Sustained by William Preece

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—Attorney Wood & N Carr filed a petition today asking the appointment of seven viewers to assess damages to the property of William Preece of Dunbar Preece owns about three acres of land in Dunbar township which he alleges the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has entered upon and taken possession of for the purpose of laying an additional track The railroad company filed a bond of $___ at the outset of filing the papers

FILES STATEMENT

Frock and Crossland Give Reasons for Damage Suit Against Borough

UNIONTOWN Feb —Former Sheriff S A Frock and Constable Jos Crossland have filed statement in their suit against the Borough of Connellsville for $___ damages The plaintiffs allege that they are owners of property in the old Hill Met(c)alf addition and that the Borough entered upon it some years ago to construct a sewer through it causing the property to be greatly damaged

COL LAWLER DEAD.

Former Commander of the G A R Dies Suddenly at Rockford Ill

ROCKFORD Ill Feb 3—(Special)—Col T G Lawler G A R National Commander in 1894 5 and a prospective candidate for Governor of Illinois died suddenly here today He was postmaster of Rockford for 25 years

M DARR'S FUNERAL

Interment at West Newton on Sunday Afternoon

Impressive services were held Saturday evening at 7 30 o clock at the home of James S Darr on South Pittsburg street over the remains of the late Michael Darr Sr Rev L ___ Burgess pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church officiated and the services were attended by many friends of the deceased

The body was taken to West Newton for interment on Sunday afternoon over the P & L E railroad

SHOT AT LOVER.

Chas Wagoner of Dunbar Calls Upon Lady Friend and is Mistaken for Burglar

Going calling on young ladies in Dunbar without first making arrangements is a dangerous practice and it very nearly cost George Wagoner his life Wagoner started out Saturday night to spend a few hours in company with Miss Anna Leckemby at her home but he didn t remain very long Arriving at the young lady s home he rapped loudly upon the door A voice from the second story of the house inquired who was at the door

Come down and see for yourself replied young Wagoner

Miss Leckemby did come down but before doing so she took a 32 calibre revolver from her dresser drawer Grasping it firmly in her right hand she opened the door with her left hand and thrusting the cannon through pulled the trigger three times Wagoner went hot foot from the door down the street Miss Leckemby didn t hear him going and opening the door a little wider then she saw that she had made a mistake

Everybody in Dunbar is on the lookout for burglars It is said that heads of families have Winchesters standing near their beds and that young men sleep with revolvers under their pillows The incident of Saturday night proves that the young ladies are armed too with other things than smiles

Young Wagoner made a sprinting record getting away from Miss Leckemby s door It was lucky that he used good sense and that Miss Leckemby aimed wild Hereafter he will give a letter of understanding as to his identity when he goes calling in Dunbar

LAID TO REST.

Funeral of Dr J Clark Johnston Held Sunday Afternoon from Home of Colonel Reid

Dr J Clark Johnston s remains were interred in the Hill Grove cemetery on Sunday afternoon The afternoon was private Services were held at the residence of Colonel J M Reid Rev Ellis B Burgess spoke touchingly of the man in charge of the services who for years had been a resident of Ellis Nontime where during nearly all of that period he was head surgeon in the St James Hospital where he was known to the Sisters of Mercy as the Big Father The burden of the sermon was the kindly generous and merciful character of the Big Father and how generally he was beloved in the city of his adoption His life was one never ending errand of mercy and we have the authority of Holy Writ for the statement Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these ye do it also unto me

Dr Johnston was born in Connellsville in 18__ He was educated in the public schools and Eldersridge Academy He read medicine with the late Dr Francis Lindley and graduated from Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia In 18_ he located in Butte Montana where his brother Alexander had previously engaged in business with Senator William A Clark

SUIT IN EQUITY

Over a Shoe Shining Establishment Started in Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Feb —Through Sterling Hatter & Dumbauld a suit in equity has been brought by Costi Bonni against Jimes Petros The plaintiff and the defendant entered into partnership in a shoe shining parlor and rented a room from William Hunt and John Clinton

Later each of them got separate leases from the two owners for the room The defendant however operated the shining parlor and now the plaintiff wants a division of profits alleging that he is still a partner in the business

WATCH THIEF

Is Released From Custody Upon Payment of Fine and Costs

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—George Iatosky has been discharged from custody several days ago he was detected carrying off a watch valued at 50 cents and another at $ 0 from the home of James Smiley He was prosecuted and the case settled by him paying $2 75 fine and costs

PROMINENT MEN ARE ARRESTED.

Druggists at Fayette City Charged With Illegal Sale of Liquor.

TWO ON GAMBLING CHARGE.

County Detective McBeth and Assistants Swooped Down on Two Arresting Clerks and Proprietors—Has Caused a Big Sensation There.

FAYETTE CITY Feb —A sensation was created here this afternoon at _ o clock when County Detective Alex McBeth and Ino McLaughlin his assistant and Constable A J Bowie arrested three prominent druggists and their assistants charging them with selling liquor without license and two other men for running gambling joints

Those arrested for selling liquor without a license are Joseph Stell and his clerks Thomas Fields and George Taylor F M Moore and clerks Charles Fiscuss and J H Stewart and Dr ___ C B Patton Those arrested for gambling are Pat W Kone and Frank Thrall

The arrests were made very quietly and there was not the least intimation of the officers missing them The informations were sworn to by Frank McLaughlin who it is said has been making an investigation of the doings in the river districts since his appointment

It is alleged that Kane and Thrall ran a gambling joint similar to that which was raided a few days ago at Brownsville and that they did a flourishing business The illegal sale of liquor is alleged to have been carried on in the drug stores regularly and that it was frequently sold on Sunday without a prescription

The arrests have caused a general sensation and are the chief topic of conversation of the town All the men gave bail for their appearance at court

SLOW IN COURT.

Impossible to Get An Equity Case Ready for Hearing This Morning Some Continuances

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—The equity list was taken up before Judges Umbel and Van Swearingen this morning but it was impossible to get a case up Of the 17 cases on the list some were continued because of the absence of witnesses some on account of sickness and some because the attorneys were not prepared A case continued this morning was that of John Curry and others of Connellsville against Chris Jim Fetti This case involves a deal in West Virginia timber lands in which Fetti secured options and the plaintiffs allege that they were not properly treated for the company in which he was interested

A case which will be taken up this afternoon is that of S M L thews receiver in bankruptcy for Philip Pepe against Crescenzio Zepermo of New Haven This involves the validity of a deed for property in New Haven

LEWIS ELECTED

Head of the Mine Workers' Organization and Announcement is Made Amid Cheers

INDIANAPOLIS Feb —T L Lewis was elected President of the United Mine Workers succeeding John Mitchell The announcement was made by ___ amid cheers

W ___ was ___ John P White was elected Vice President and William B Wilson secretary and treasurer

T L Lewis is considered a brainy man He is self educated and came up from the mines He has elaborate plans for managing the organization Lewis received 61___ votes and Wilson 6___

An Aged Masontown Citizen

MASONTOWN Jan 3—Uncle Andy Altenburg Masontown s oldest citizen now in his 91st year who has been sojourning for several weeks in Uniontown returned home The day he came home he was as chipper as a fiddle He was accompanied by his grandson B F Sterling Mr B F Sterling who returned to their home in Uniontown Wednesday

Swartz Candidacy

Dr L C ___ of Latrobe who was the first to announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Senator Saturday withdrew from that race and became a candidate for Recorder of Deeds to succeed James H Gallagher

AN EIGHT STORY BUILDING FOR SECOND NATIONAL BANK.

The Plans of McCullom & Dowler, Pittsburg Architects, Were Chosen by the Directors Wednesday.

HANDSOME BANKING QUARTERS.

There Will Also Be Seventy Offices in the Building Fronting Either on West Main or North Pittsburg Streets—Work Will Start April 1s

At a meeting of the Directors of the Second National Bank Wednesday it was decided to build an eight story building with a 12 foot basement on the bank's property at the corner of West Main and Pittsburg streets. The plans of McCullom & Dowler, architects of Pittsburg, were chosen.

The building will front 22 feet on West Main street and 165 on North Pittsburg street running back to Orchard alley. It will be constructed of brick and steel and will be entirely fire-proof. The use of very little wood is contemplated in the whole structure. Even the floors will be either of tile or Mosaic finished concrete. The use of iron window frames is also contemplated.

The narrowness of the strip of property on which the building is to be constructed was a problem to overcome but the architects have solved it very well as is indicated by the plans adopted yesterday. The bank owns two feet of the sidewalk along North Pittsburg street. The Directors decided not to utilize this space thus narrowing the street. The foundation for the building will be excavated to the street curb on both Pittsburg and Main streets. The space under the pavement will be used to give more room in the basement. The basement plans include one large room 90x30, which will either be utilized for a store room or may be rented for any other purpose. There are a number of other rooms in the basement including a public toilet and a room fronting on Orchard alley which will likely be used for a barber shop. In addition to the [illegible] a special lavatory and cloak room with lockers is provided for the bank's employes. There will be no entrance to the basement off the street.

The bank entrance will be on West Main street. It is an imposing one. The banking room will run back 90 feet to the general entrance of the building on Pittsburg street. This general entrance will give access to the basement to the bank and to the elevator. Running from the general entrance on North Pittsburg street to Orchard alley there will be four store rooms.

There will be 70 offices in the building, 61 single offices and six double ones. Every office will front either on Pittsburg street or Main street and every office will have two windows, the double offices having four windows. Every office will have a connecting door so that any person desiring two or more offices or an entire suite can have them connecting with each other. A long corridor on each floor will run the entire length of the building. The elevator is in the center of the building at the general entrance. Each floor is designed along the same general plan and all the offices have been planned for convenience and comfort.

While it has been decided to construct the building of brick the color has not been definitely determined. The trimmings for the interior of the banking room has not yet been definitely decided upon. The design for the banking room is decidedly pretty however. The ceiling is high and arched and the sides are to be finished off in marble. The entrance provides a ladies special department. Running the length of the room each clerk has a separate compartment for the transaction of business. The vaults are located to the rear of the room and over the vault there will be a special room for the Directors. The Cashier will also have his private office to the rear of the banking room.

The construction of the building cannot be started before April 1 as the tenants of the property have leases until that time on the rooms they now occupy. They will however vacate promptly on April 1 and work will immediately be started. Some details of the plans will be corrected during the next few days and bids will be advertised for the construction of the building. The contract will be let as quickly as possible and as an immense amount of steel will be required it will be necessary to place the order for it as quickly as possible in order to have it when required.

AFFIDAVIT OF DEFENSE

In Case of Harris Coffee Company Against T W Baxter

T W Baxter of Connellsville has signed an affidavit of defense prepared by Attorney E A Howard in the suit recently brought against him by the Harris Coffee Company to recover $44. Baxter says the order for the goods was never sent by him or [illegible] in his behalf and that he refused to accept them when delivered.

Later another order for $11 worth of goods was sent by him and when he later offered to pay the agent for the last order the latter would not accept.

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THE BRADDOCK ROAD.

Congressman Acheson's Bill Providing Markers

The following is a copy of the bill introduced by Congressman E F Acheson relative to the marking of the old Braddock road

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That the President of the United States be and he hereby is authorized to appoint a commissioner who shall under the direction of the President erect such monuments and markers of granite and other material [illegible] the route [illegible] of Braddock's army from [illegible] toward Fort Du [illegible] now Pittsburg Pennsylvania and [illegible] commemorate the valorous deeds of the men who composed that army.

Sec 2 That said commissioner shall erect a monument at the points where said Braddock's road crosses [illegible] street [illegible] traveled thoroughfare and [illegible] points where still [illegible] and the said commissioner shall determine the position character and number of such monuments and markers and the inscriptions thereon.

Sec 3 That the compensation of said commissioner shall be fixed by the President but shall not exceed the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Sec 4 That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act the sum of [illegible] dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

WANT DAMAGES

For a Little West Penn Wreck in New Haven—Three Suits Aggregating $50 000

UNIONTOWN Jan 30—As a result of the street car accident in New Haven on December 18 when a car jumped the track and ran into Rhoades' store there are now on file three suits for damages aggregating $50 000. S R Goldsmith this morning filed two suits against the West Penn Railways Company. Mrs Catherine Mickey asks for $25 000 damage. She says that she was walking along the street when she was struck by the car and that she was so badly injured that she will be unable to do very much during the balance of her life.

Valine Provance sues the company for $10 000. She alleges that she was hurt badly in the wreck also. Miss Rose Dunston a few days ago filed a suit growing out of the same accident for $[illegible].

DRAW JURY.

Peculiar Coincidence of Numbers and the Finding of Smithfield Minister's Name

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Alexander Dougherty and Jo A Rankin Jury Commissioners this morning began drawing the jury. There will be five weeks of the March term of court, three weeks of civil court and two of criminal. The first week will be devoted to the trial of civil cases.

Commissioner Rankin this morning stated that there was a peculiar coincidence that happened this morning when the box was opened that he never expects to hear of again. Two years ago [illegible] names were placed in the box and one year ago when it was opened the Commissioners found 118 names and among them the name of Rev Hayes of Smithfield. When they opened the box again this morning there were exactly 118 names in it and it again contained the name of a Smithfield minister Rev R B Peters of the Methodist Church.

A FATAL FALL.

Everson Boy Bumped Head While Skating and Dies Two Days Later

Frank Farley a 1[illegible] year old Everson boy died shortly after noon Thursday at his home at Everson. Young Farley fell two days before while skating on a pond near Everson. He got a severe bump on the head but said nothing of it at home and attended school up to [illegible].

Wednesday night he was taken suddenly ill and soon became unconscious dying yesterday. He was a son of Mr and Mrs John Farley and was a bright little fellow. Funeral Saturday morning from St John's Catholic Church.

TWYMAN TO BE RELEASED.

Connellsville Negro in Reformatory to Get Freedom

UNIONTOWN Jan 30—The release of Ernest Twyman from the Huntingdon Reformatory was directed in court this morning. Twyman was sent to the institution for larceny. T J Mitchell having caught him in his room at his home in Connellsville about two years ago making off with a pair of trousers.

Twyman has promised to lead a better life when he gains his freedom.

ORPHANS' COURT.

Short Session Before Judge Work on Monday

UNIONTOWN Jan 28—Judge J Q Work held a session of Orphans Court yesterday when a number of matters were taken up. On petition of W G Howard he was appointed guardian of Bessie L Fretts a minor of Jacob F Fretts late of New Masontown.

J D Madigan of Connellsville gave approved bond in the sum of $8 100 for the sale of Allegheny county real estate belonging to the children of the late Joseph O Hara.

Widow's appraisment was approved in the estate of the late Lloyd C Gwynn of Franklin township.

The Citizens Title & Trust Company was appointed guardian of Ella I Jones minor of the late Ella Jones of Scottdale.

In the estate of the late John A Rosenberger an order of distribution was made as to the balance of $5995 47 in the hands of the administrator. Rosenberger died February 5 1907 and Isaac F Frazee was appointed administrator.

A decree of distribution was also made in the estate of the late Samuel Colvin of New Brownsville of which Charles C Carter was the administrator. Colvin died on November 21 1906. The balance for distribution was $7 606 95.

200 DELEGATES

From Greater Pittsburg Will Attend the Y M C A Convention Here Next Month

About 200 delegates representing the Young Men's Christian Associations of Greater Pittsburg will attend the 40th annual convention of the Young Men Christian Association of Pennsylvania which will be held in Connellsville February 20 to 23. Towards of 1 000 delegates are expected.

Speakers mentioned to be present are Rev Dr Maitland Alexander, J B Yohe General Manager of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad, H J Heinz President of the State Sabbath School Association, Ralph W Harbison President of the Pittsburg Y M C A, and Bayard H Christy of Pittsburg, Governor R B Glenn of Raleigh N C, J H McFarland President of the American Civic Association, T L Lawton Philadelphia, I L Rockey Harrisburg, D A Budge Montreal, Clayton S Cooper Bible Study Secretary of the International Y M C A, Hon Robert Watchorn United States Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, Dr Edward A Steiner of Iowa College Grinnell Ia, F M Robinson International Boys Work Secretary of the Y M C A, C W Harvey Pennsylvania's representative at Tien Tsin China and L E McGill of New Castle.

REASONS FILED

In Support of Motion for New Trial in Case of Mrs May Against Railway Company

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Papers were filed this morning by Smith & Brownfield in support of their motion for a new trial in the case of Effie May and her husband Henry May against the West Penn Railways Company. The first reason given for a new trial is that the court erred in charging the jury to allow the plaintiff for the services of the children during her illness.

It was claimed that the children of Mr and Mrs May were employed at the time of the accident and were brought home to care for her. The second reason given is that the $3 000 allowed Mrs May and the $800 allowed her husband was against the weight of the evidence and was excessive and extreme.

Mrs May was injured in stepping off a suburban car and her foot catching in a trolley rope.

SUCCEEDS SIMPSON.

D T Thomas of McKeesport Will Take Over Work of Real Estate Department of West Penn

D T Thomas of McKeesport has been appointed to succeed Captain J H Simpson who had charge of the real estate department of the West Penn railways and who was promoted to a position with the United Water & Guarantee Company of Pittsburg.

Mr Thomas has been engaged with West Penn interests at McKeesport and will take over the work of the real estate department in connection with his work there. He will still maintain his office in McKeesport and visit Connellsville several times a week.

DIRECTORS RE ELECTED

Stockholders of the Sligo Iron & Steel Co Held Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sligo Iron & Steel Company held Monday afternoon at the office of the company the old directors were elected as follows: Charles Davidson, Col J M Reid, J D Madigan, Joseph McConnell, D T Norton and E D Fulton of Uniontown. The election of officers will take place at the next meeting of the directors.

Wants a Divorce

Healy P Cross of Uniontown is seeking a divorce from his wife Julia Cross charging desertion and infidelity. They were married in Uniontown in 1896.

THE OLD OFFICERS CHOSEN IN B. & L.

Report of Secretary for 1907 for Connellsville Association.

A TEN PER CENT. DIVIDEND.

Over $20,000 Paid Out to Matured Investment Stockholders During the Past Year—Dividends Amounted to Nearly $7,000

The regular yearly meeting of the stockholders of the Connellsville Building & Loan Association was held in the Citizens National Bank Monday night and officers and directors for the year 1908 elected as follows:

President Edmund Dunn, vice president D J [illegible], secretary James L Kurtz, treasurer J Fred Kurtz. Directors P A Kail, P J Tormey, J D Madigan, J M Cecil, Peter Rutsch, Clark Collins, S R Goldsmith, W N Leche, Chas I Soisson.

The report made by the secretary for 1907 showed the affairs of this institution to be in a sound and flourishing condition. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared by the directors for the year just ended.

Beyond the mere knowledge on the part of the public that the main business of a building and loan association is to lend money to persons wishing to build homes or to improve them no much is known as to other features connected with their operations. If it were well known that one could take out what is called free or running stock paying one dollar each month for every share subscribed for there would no doubt be many who would invest in this manner as the dividends paid on such stock are much greater than that received from the account kept in a bank.

The dividends paid by the Connellsville Building & Loan Association during the last ten years have averaged over nine per cent. Such concerns are not allowed to invest their funds in anything but improved real estate and the margin demanded by them to allow for possible fluctuation in values is from 25 per cent to [illegible] per cent [illegible] the character of their securities [illegible] and gilt edged.

At the present time there are 125 male and [illegible] female stockholders in the Connellsville Building & Loan Association and [illegible] of them [illegible] interest [illegible] investment stock [illegible] receipts each month [illegible] and permit of the Association making more loans to would be home builders in and about Connellsville. For months past there have [illegible] not less than five applications for [illegible] here was to [illegible] and this shortage of available funds has resulted in many being disappointed and prevented from doing contemplated building.

The snug sum of $6 730 [illegible] was distributed among the stockholders [illegible] a 10 per cent dividend for 1907 and an additional $[illegible] during the year to the former holders of matured investment stock [illegible] when the Association first began to do business.

Owing to the [illegible] in this way [illegible] making loans only to [illegible] 4500 [illegible] the total loans now [illegible] to over $72 700.

By the help of this Association many people have been able to build homes who would otherwise have been compelled to continue to pay rent. The running expenses are extremely low and every dollar [illegible] returned is turned over to the stockholders in the shape of dividends.

A RECORD BREAKER

Last Year's Sales for Hyomei the Guaranteed Cure for Catarrh, Larger Than Ever

The merit of Hyomei (the treatment that cures catarrh without stomach dosing) its popularity and growth [illegible] unique in the annals of medicine. So pronounced is the relief and cure following the use of this treatment that it has been publicly recommended [illegible] leading druggists and physicians in nearly every State and town in the country with the result that last year's sales were larger than ever.

The fact that Hyomei is so simple and complete and that it cures by breathing medicated air and not taking drugs into the stomach, no doubt [illegible] helped to create its wide spread and rapidly increasing army of friends.

The way in which it has been sold by A A Clarke [illegible] undoubtedly aided its introduction in Connellsville. He is such a firm believer in the power of Hyomei to cure all catarrhal troubles that he urges people to use it with the understanding that the cost will be refunded to anyone who is not benefitted by the treatment. You do not ask a cent [illegible] testing the healing virtues of Hyomei, for he takes all the risk of its giving satisfaction and leaves you to be the judge.

If you have catarrh give Hyomei a trial and you too will become its friend and recommend it to others. The complete outfit costs only $1 00 [illegible] nothing if it does not cure. 11

Judge McIlvaine Will Not Resign

Judge J A McIlvaine of Washington county has issued a statement denying that he will resign.

WANT NEW TRIAL.

In the Cases Where Mrs. Davidson Was Allowed Money on Policies.

UNIONTOWN, Jan 30—Attorneys Crow and Sealby today filed a motion for a new trial in the case of Mrs Mollie Davidson of Connellsville against the Royal Arcanum and Grand Fraternity in which the jury decided that the insurance companies were compelled to pay the policies of her deceased husband.

The attorneys claim that the verdict was against the evidence offered.

M. DARR, SR., DIES AGED 80 YEARS.

Widely Known Citizen and Long a Resident of Connellsville.

FOR MANY YEARS A CONTRACTOR

Also Served as Street Commissioner of the Borough—First Engaged in Mining—Funeral Will Be Held on Saturday and Interment in West Newton

Michael Darr Sr died Thursday afternoon at 1 50 o'clock at the home of his son J S Darr South Pittsburg street, death resulting from a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered about two hours previously. Deceased was one of the best known men of Connellsville having resided here continuously since 1876. He was born September 24 1828 in Wurtemberg Germany and came to America in 1846 locating at West Newton. In 1850 he married Miss Magdalena Hetzel who died about eight years ago. Mr Darr resided at West Newton until 1874. While there he was mine foreman at the old West Newton shaft of the Penn Gas Coal Company. This old shaft is long worked out and but few of the employes still survive.

From West Newton he went to the old Eagle plant near Broad Ford owned by Markle & Company where he had supervision of the plant for three years. In 1876 he came to Connellsville where he engaged in light contracting having been an active sewer contractor here for years. For the past six years he has been retired.

Deceased lived for a number of years in Meadow Lane but three years ago he moved from his home there to the home of his son J S Darr on the South Side. Five weeks ago he suffered an attack of grip and was greatly weakened by the malady. On Sunday again he suffered a relapse from it and Thursday the stroke of apoplexy which caused his death.

To Mr and Mrs Darr there were [illegible] children nine of whom are living. They are J S Darr Connellsville, John Darr Steubenville, Michael Darr Jr and William J Darr Hazelwood, Mrs Rose Vilatte, Mrs John O Fitzsimmons, Mrs Elizabeth Furton and Mrs Otto Ebbert Pittsburg, and Mrs William Troxell Carnegie. A son Frank Darr was killed a few years ago in the shops of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at Chicago. One half brother Jacob [illegible] of Butler also survives him. There are also 29 grand children and 3 great grandchildren.

Deceased was a member of the Lutheran Church for 66 years having united with that denomination at West Newton. He was also a member of West Newton Lodge I O O F for [illegible] years and was known as the oldest Odd Fellow in Western Pennsylvania. He has been a member of Fayette Lodge K of P for 27 years and a member of General Worth Encampment I O O F for a number of years.

Several years ago the deceased wrote a request that his body be held three days after death and then taken to West Newton in the afternoon train. This was before the B & O [illegible] changed its schedule and the family found that it was now impossible to comply with the request regarding the removal of the body to West Newton on the afternoon train. The funeral services were held at the residence of J S Darr Saturday evening at 7 o'clock and the body taken to West Newton on train No 1 Sunday morning.

WAYNESBURG MAN DEAD

Samuel Harvey Capitalist and a Prominent Citizen

Samuel Harvey one of Waynesburg's best citizens died yesterday morning. He was born in 1820 at Harvey's this county.

Mr Harvey was for years a director of the Waynesburg & Washington railroad and served for 30 years as a director of the Farmers & Drovers National Bank. He was one of the principal stockholders in the Waynesburg Electric Light & Power Company when the concern was incorporated.

Controller Hitchman's Report

The annual report of County Controller John D Hitchman of Westmoreland county shows the total cost of the new court house will be $1 14[illegible]. All his has been paid except $17 [illegible].

Will Inspect Ohiopyle Bridge

The court has appointed Isaiah I Collins, Evans Rush and William D Hanse to officially inspect a bridge across Meadow Run in Stewart township.

Has Gone to Buy a Wife With Price Limit of $600.

A Joseph of Perryopolis left Connellsville on the Duquesne Limited Wednesday for Constantinople Turkey. He is in search of a wife. Joseph is an Assyrian. He is a merchant at Perryopolis with a store in the Carson building. He is very comfortably supplied with this world's goods and can afford to suit his own tastes in the matter of selecting a wife. It was after looking the Assyrian colonies in this end of the State over that Joseph decided on the trip to Turkey.

From Constantinople he will go out onto the desert and look over a few Assyrian beauties as he stated before leaving last night. "Maybe me pay $400 to $600 gold for wife, but she must be about 14 and nice and good to look at," he said.

Joseph does not anticipate any difficulty in buying a bride. All of them are bought in the part of country he came from he says and likely the one he selects will be only too glad to come to America for Joseph is a substantial honest fellow. His limit for a bride is $600 in addition to the railroad and ship fares.

CATE OPINION

Of Justice Elkin, Granting Condemned Man New Trial

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—The records in the case of William L Cate the condemned murderer of Policeman Thomas L Guess were received from the Supreme Court this week and are now filed away in the office of the Prothonotary. It is not yet definitely determined as to whether or not the new trial which was allowed Cate will be given in March but the chances are that he will then be put on trial for his life a second time. The full opinion of Justice John P Elkin who passed on the case is as follows:

In Heine vs Commonwealth 91 Pa [illegible] it was held that evidence of good character is not a mere makeweight thrown in to assist in the production of a result that would happen at all events but is positive evidence and may of itself [illegible] creation of a reasonable doubt produce an acquittal. In that case the learned court below instructed the jury that if a man is guilty his previous good character has nothing to do with the case but if you have a doubt as to his guilt then character steps in and aids in determining that doubt. This instruction was held to be error.

In Haney vs Commonwealth 116 Pa [illegible] it was held that testimony of good character produced at the trial is to be regarded as evidence of substantive fact like any other evidence tending to establish innocence and it ought to be so regarded by both court and jury.

In Commonwealth vs Cleary 135 Pa [illegible] it was laid down as a rule of law [illegible] in a criminal charge that evidence of the good character of the defendant is always admissible and is to be weighed and considered by the jury in connection with all the evidence in the case and in some instances it may of itself create the reasonable doubt which will entitle the accused to an acquittal. In these cases there is no doubt as to the rule of law in this State relating to evidence of good character and how it is to be regarded.

By the fifth assignment of error in this case the appellant complains that the learned court below erred in charging the jury that where they are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt under all the evidence evidence of previous good character is not to overcome the conclusion which follows from that view [illegible] confusing to jurors and [illegible] to disregard evidence of good character [illegible] conclusion that the defendant was guilty. This would clearly be error [illegible] the circumstances we cannot say [illegible] this respect [illegible] though the case [illegible] fair and impartial [illegible] judgment must be reversed.

Judgment reversed and a venire facias de novo awarded.

FOUND DEAD.

August Smeht, Aged 49 Years, a Resident of Hammondville for Sixteen Years

August Smeht aged 49 years a resident of Hammondville for 16 years was found dead in his home Friday morning at 7 o'clock by a neighbor. Heart failure was the cause of his death. Funeral Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from his late residence. Interment at Hammondville.

Deceased was born in Germany and came to this country 28 years ago. He was a miner and lived alone. He had been in good health when last seen by his neighbors and his death came as a great shock to them. He leaves a wife in Morgantown.

AN INNOCENT MAN SERVED TWO YEARS

Thomas Adams, Just Out of Penitentiary, States His Case.

HONORABLE RECORD IN ARMY.

Was Charged With Stealing Money From John Nicholson When Both Were Intoxicated, and Later Nicholson is Said to Have Stated Adams Was Innocent.

Thomas Adams formerly a well known railroad man and a native of Leisenring came to town Thursday evening after unjustly serving a two year sentence in the Western Penitentiary, he says, on a charge of stealing $87 from the clothes of John Nicholson. Adams stoutly denies that he ever committed the theft. He says if there was ever an innocent man he was of that charge. For 19 months he says he was an inmate of a cell in the penitentiary, though wholly innocent of the crime for which he was convicted. Adams has an honorable discharge from the United States army which shows that he served six years and nine months. He was with the 35th infantry in the Philippines and with the 19th Infantry in Cuba. In the Philippines he was promoted through the different grades of non commissioned officers and for nearly a year he was acting First Sergeant. He was never in the slightest trouble in the army and came out with a record that entitled him to an examination for Second Lieutenant which however he did not take preferring to leave the army. To a reporter for The Courier Adams said Friday:

"I was sent to the penitentiary for an offense that I never committed. Nicholson and I both had been drinking when we went over in New Haven on the day the crime I was convicted of was committed. Nicholson said the bill he lost was a green one while the one he identified at the Squire's office as his was a yellow back. I am as innocent of the theft of that money as you are. It was a crime to convict me. Nicholson admitted afterward in jail at Uniontown where he served several months time for non support and desertion that I was doing time at the pen for something I was not guilty of." Nicholson was convicted in 1906 before Judge Umbel on charges brought by his wife.

"At the time of the trial I was branded as a thief. The knowledge that I was innocent though guilty before the world cut and pained deep through weary nights in my cell. In my heart I know that I am innocent and I can come back to Connellsville holding my head as high as I did when honorably wearing the uniform of the United States army.

"I had tuberculosis when I went to the penitentiary. In 19 months I lost 27 pounds. My term there was a wrong that never can be righted and one that has shortened my life."

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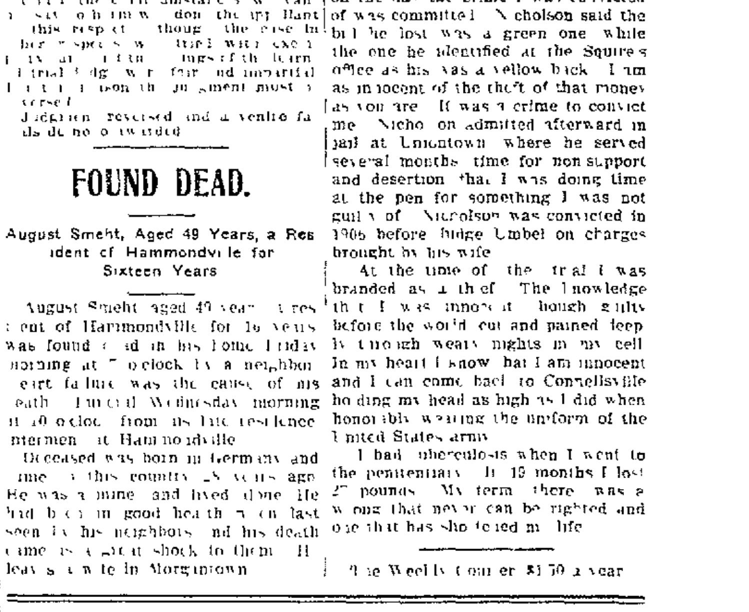

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$80,000 FOR THE FEDERAL BUILDING.

Congressman A. F. Cooper Tuesday Introduced Bill in House for Balance of Purchase Price for Site and Erection of New Postoffice in Connellsville.

WASHINGTON D C Jan 29—Congressman Allen F Cooper of the 23rd District today introduced a bill appropriating $80 000 for the purpose of completing the purchase of a site and to erect a Federal building at Connellsville

This makes the second appropriation bill for Connellsville The first bill introduced by Congressman Cooper and passed at the last session of Congress was for $20,000 The $80,000 additional it is believed by Congressman Cooper will take care of all expenses in connection with the purchase of a site and the erection of the building

The proposed site of the postoffice building the Wallace and Newmyer lots on Arch street has been viewed and a price of $26 000 placed upon it No appeals have been taken from this award as yet. This would leave $74 000 for the erection of a building and the general impression of business men who have been consulted at Connellsville is that a very substantial and handsome building can be erected for this amount

Of the $80 000 appropriation which is provided for in the bill introduced by Congressman Cooper today $ 0 000 is to be added to the original site fund of $20 000 already available and making it $30,000 The balance of $70 000 would be for the erection of the building or as much of it as would be needed

WOMAN'S WILD RIDE ON RUNAWAY CARS.

Mrs. Mae Neff of Somerset Escapes Death in Thrilling Accident

ON WESTMORELAND & SOMERSET

Cars Broke Away Going Up Grade and Ran Back Down Steep Grade More Than a Mile, Finally Landing in Creek—Mrs Neff Only Occupant of Passenger Coach.

SOMERSET Pa Jan 29—Mrs Mae Neff of Somerset was the sole occupant of a passenger coach which breaking from an engine on a steep mountain grade of the Pittsburg Westmoreland & Somerset railroad, near here Wednesday shot down the hill and leaped from the rails into a stream

When the train composed of an engine, a freight car and a passenger coach, reached the top of the grade the cars became uncoupled from the engine and dashed backward Two men and Mrs Neff were the only passengers Before the cars had gained great momentum the men ran to the platform and dropped off leaving Mrs Neff to her fate

The woman did not lose her nerve as the cars, rocking violently sped down the grade When nearly a mile from the starting point the woman watching the track ahead noticed an open derailing switch at a curve A moment later the cars were flying through the air Mrs Neff had prepared herself for the crash by crouching on the floor and grasping the seat supporters

The freight car behind which she feared might telescope the coach was deflected and it crashed to one side Though bleeding from cuts and chilled by the icy water in which the car lodged Mrs Neff emerged dripping from the debris and started up the track

When she met the two men coming to search for her body she laughed

SENIORS CHOSEN

To Represent Uniontown High School in Coming Debate With Connellsville Students

Selections were made Wednesday by the Seniors of the Uniontown High School for the different subjects in the literary contest between the Uniontown and Connellsville High Schools Two selections were made for each by the class and the teachers will make the final choice of the candidates before the contest which takes place March 1.

The selections were as follows Debaters Robert H Jeffreys and John W Darby orators John W Darby and James E Van Gilder reciters Eleanor Phillippi and Hallie Sembower essayists Olive P Frederick Elizabeth H Moore and Bessie Sturgeon

OFFICERS ELECTED

At Meeting of Good Will Sewing Circle of the First Baptist Church Wednesday

A large number of ladies were present Wednesday at the regular meeting of the Good Will Sewing Circle of the First Baptist church held in the church A feature of the meeting was an elegant dinner served at 12 o clock in the dining room of the church Miss Harriet Cooper of Chicago was present and gave a very interesting talk on the Chicago Training School

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year President Mrs J A Lyon First Vice President Mrs Minnie Campbell Second Vice President Miss Eliza DuShane Treasurer Mrs F C Rose and Secretary Mrs Albert Sherrick

A Coming Wedding

A coming wedding is that of O S Gettys a well known young business man of Connellsville and Miss Mary Himelright, also of this place Miss Himelright left this morning for Winchester, Va., her former home where the wedding will take place next month

Black Hand is Busy.

The Black Hand is reported busy in the vicinity of Greensburg

NAOMI WIDOW MARRIES.

Wife of Foreign Miner Who Lost Life Gets New Husband.

WASHINGTON Pa Jan 30—As an echo of the Naomi mine explosion which occurred on Monday evening December 2 1907 Mrs Terry Szarzala, whose husband lost his life in the disaster and Sean Shuz both now of Priceda1e this county came here on Tuesday morning and took out a marriage license and Mrs Czarzala will at once discard her widow s weeds and become the wife of the ardent young Austrian

Mrs Szarzala is a Hungarian 21 years old and her second husband to be is 24 This is his first attempt on the matrimonial sea but she will be able to steer him through all right

NO CONTEST OVER POSTOFFICE SITE.

Attorney Newmyer Thinks It Can Be Acquired Without Difficulty.

ARE DETERMINED TO HAVE IT.

Tacit Understanding That Viewers Are to Be Named After Congressman Cooper's Resolution is Acted Upon—$10,000 More for Site

Attorney P S Newmyer said Wednesday that while the parties interested in the property which has been selected by the government for the location of a Federal building did not feel that the figure placed upon it by Rockwell Marietta was high enough there was no likelihood of a contest Mr Marietta's valuation of the property was not in the nature of an assessment but the valuation was placed by him at the request of the government in order to establish a basis

To contest his no appeal is necessary but it has been tacitly understood that viewers will be appointed These however will not likely be made until Congressman A F Cooper s bill appropriating $80 000 is acted upon in Congress This bill was introduced with the understanding that $70 0 0 of it be set aside for the building and that $10 000 be used in purchasing a site in addition to $20 000 already appropriated

Mr Newmyer states that there is no doubt about the Newmyer Wallace site being finally taken under any circumstances The Department has made it a matter of record that it is the best and only site in the town for a Federal building and has taken into consideration that the consolidation of the two towns would make it the most convenient site to be had Another matter that weighs heavily with the Department is the saving to be made in the transportation of mail to and from the railroads the railroad companies being required to transport the mails to and from the depots within a specified distance

Mr Wallace is very loath to give up his property We remodeled the house and fixed things up for a home and we want to keep it said Mr Wallace We don t want to sell it to any one not even the government

CAUGHT IN CELLAR.

Jack Gallagher Roaming About in Basement of Victoria Hotel—Now Roaming in County Jail

Jack Gallagher of New Haven was arrested on Wednesday by Policeman Joseph O Brien as a suspicious character About 10 o clock Wednesday Policeman O Brien discovered Jack in the cellar of the Victoria hotel He had turned on the water under the boiler and in a short time the cellar would have been flooded

Gallagher was given a hearing on Thursday before Burgess G A Markle and fined $25 or 30 days to jail On default of paying his fine he was taken to Uniontown this morning and committed to jail

Masontown Lady Robbed

Mrs E W Sterling of Masontown lost several hundred dollars worth of diamonds and other jewelry which she left in the toilet room of a Pullman car near Jacksonville Fla The Jacksonville police are working on the case

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MARSHAL HALSTEAD DIES SUDDENLY.

Expired at Cincinnati Home Wednesday Evening Following an Operation

FOR ACUTE CASE OF APPENDICITIS

For a Number of Years He Was United States Consul to Birmingham England, Resigning Over a Year Ago—Son of Noted Journalist

Word was received in Connellsville Thursday by L F Ruth and Willet Halstead that Marshal Halstead the latter's brother died Wednesday at his home in Cincinnati following an operation for appendicitis Mr Halstead was in Connellsville two weeks ago on business connected with the interests of his sister Mrs John Davidson He was not complaining then but said he was not feeling as well as usual A few days ago an acute case of appendicitis developed and an operation was decided upon Complications followed and death came at 8 0 Wednesday night Mr Halstead was 47 years old

Up until about two years ago Mr Halstead was United States consul at Birmingham England one of the most important British iron centers He resigned then to go into business in Cincinnati His brother Albert Halstead was appointed Consul in his place and is now at Birmingham Mr Halstead before entering the Consular service was engaged in newspaper work in Washington and Cincinnati his first work being done under his father Murat Halstead the noted journalist and writer who still survives him

Last fall Mr Halstead married Miss Clara Luscanemer a member of a wealthy and socially prominent Cincinnati family They took a handsome home in the fashionable Walnut Hill district in Cincinnati following their honeymoon Mr Halstead was interested with his brother in law in the manufacture of metal window and door frames and in a patent fire proof concrete process

DIED OF INJURIES.

John Brewer Who Fell From Train at Rockwood Unable to Survive the Accident.

John J Brewer who fell from a Baltimore & Ohio train at Confluence Tuesday evening while riding blind baggage died of his injuries at the hospital Wednesday Brewer was about 40 years old and was of a roving disposition having been touring the country mostly on freight trains After the accident he was brought to the hospital here but could give no account of how it happened

The only relative that has been located is his mother Mrs Brewer who is an inmate of the Grand Army Home at McKeesport She was notified on Thursday of the death of her son and the remains were shipped this morning by Funeral Director Sims to the former home of the family at Tarentum

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED.

At Uniontown Yesterday by Judge R E Umbel

Judge R E Umbel at Uniontown yesterday handed down a decree in divorce in the case of Mary R Desselms against her husband Geo B Desselms who was married at New Haven July 3 1905 and lived together at Uniontown until September 2 of the same year when she claims to have been obliged to leave home

A decree was also made in the case of Hester Ross against William Ross the charge being desertion They began their married life at Uniontown on January 25 1896 and for 12 years lived together Desertion was the charge

Master Appointed

Attorney T P Jones was this morning appointed master in the divorce case of John Meinz against his wife Maria Meinz The couple live at Uniontown

Want to be a Borough

Fifty five citizens of Newell on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad on the Monongahela river have petitioned the court to have that town incorporated as a borough.

NEW P. R. R. LINE.

Zollarsville Mine in Washington County Will Soon Ship Coal

Pennsylvania railroad officials have announced that the new line to Zollarsville will be ready for operation within the next three or four days and the first shipments of coal will be made from the new mines of the Pittsburg Buffalo Coal Company The coal company has notified the railroad that another big shaft mine with an annual output of almost 2 40 000 tons will be ready for operation the latter part of the week Railroad officials have just completed a thorough inspection of the Monongahela South ern railroad and representatives of the coal company have returned from an inspection of the coal properties in this district

The new coal road will be operated as a part of the Monongahela division and will be under the supervision of Superintendent A G Mitchell It has comparatively few curves and practically no grades Heavy rails were used and the line was built for the purpose of developing the rich coal lands owned by Pittsburg capitalists

A FARMERS INSTITUTE

Agriculturists of Westmoreland County Are Gathered at Scottdale

TALKS ON FARMS AND FARMING

Report That Companion of Noah Ross, Who Was Shot at Alverton Had Been Arrested in West Virginia on a Charge of Robbery

SCOTTDALE Jan 29—The large hall of the Peter on Business College was filled yesterday afternoon when Chairman J Lyman Loucks called to order the third Farmers Institute The opening prayer was made by Rev W W Williamson pastor of the United Brethren church This was followed by the address of welcome by George B Shupe editor of the Scottdale Independent the speaker referring to the interest that is now being taken among farmers in educational matters and the teaching of farm topics in township High Schools to some extent Chairman Loucks then introduced the speaker of the institute and they were given a hearty welcome The speaker responded to the welcome referred to the great interest that is now being taken in these matters while at their start a few years ago it was very difficult to get the farmers out

The first speaker of the afternoon was Dr J H Funk who discussed Pruning Fertilizing and Thinning He also touched upon the pruning of trees and diseases, fall time, the annual use of fertilizers and a vigorous thinning of young fruit on the trees J W Light spoke on Production and Marketing Dairy Products Success along this line depends on the care and feeding of the cattle keeping the milk free from dirt and odors and the proper care of the cream to produce butter All these matters were fully explained

At the evening session M Earl Cut spoke of the different kinds of soils and the proper method of fertilizing and cultivating each Dr J H Funk followed with an address on the essentials in fruit growing which the tree must be cared for and the management of the fruit during growth

A quartette from the Willard furnished music during the afternoon The music at the evening session was by the Walther Quartette and there were recitations by Misses Crecha Porter and Mary Strauffer The attendance was much larger at the opening session yesterday afternoon than at any previous Institute and the hall was packed last night A session was held this morning and there will be sessions this afternoon and evening

SCOTTDALE Jan 1—The third annual Farmers Institute for Scottdale came to a close last night after the most successful meetings of any that have been held along that line in town Three sessions were held yesterday and the hall of the Peterson Business College was crowded to the limit at each session The subjects discussed were such as every farmer comes in contact with in his farm work and these subjects were very ably handled the speakers giving those present many interesting pointers that will help them in their work In addition to the addresses by the speakers there was music by Hough s orchestra the Walther Quartette and a quartette from West Overton and a recitation by Miss Prince Quarrels Secretary Critchfield of the Department of Agriculture was present and gave several addresses

The story was going the rounds in town yesterday that the companion of Noah Ross who was shot by Paul Bowser near Alverton had been arrested in West Virginia for robbery Three men were put under arrest and one of his companions was alleged to have made the statement Slim a bad negro formerly of Donnelly is supposed to have been one of the trio arrested The information about the affair is rather hazy

Liquor Applications

Claude Anderson of New Haven and Frank S Adams of Bridgeport have filed their applications for a retail liquor license There are now 30 applications entered

$5,000 DEMANDED BY BLACK HAND.

Alphonse Basalone Directed to Carry Amount With Him for a Week.

SOME ONE WOULD CALL FOR IT

Mike Rulli Received a Black Hand Letter Last Night But Does Not Take It Seriously—Many Are Circulated About Uniontown

Black Hand letters have been distributed promiscuously among wealthy Italians and those in good circumstances during the past few days Alphonse Basalone a confectioner in the Casino Block M Rulli of Rulli Brothers of New Haven and Raimondi Galirici the contractor have all received letters asking that these sums be placed in certain places within a prescribed time under pain of death

Basalone was given one week in which to produce $5 000 and his time which to produce $ 000 His time expired Tuesday The letter directed him all the time The letter stated that within a period of a week some one would accost him and to him he should turn over the money

Basalone hasn't carried the money because he don't have that much money he says for one thing and for another thing he didn't know where to get it He isn't a bit afraid of anyone taking his life and he made no preparation for defending it

M Rulli received a letter last night but he is not taking it seriously Considering the letter he considers no particular attention to the Black Hand Raimondi Galirici received a letter some time ago but it wasn't given him any worry

A large number of Black Hand letters have also come to light Uniontown and the County Seat officials are making an effort to find out the senders A peculiarity about the letters sent to Italians at Uniontown is the fact that nearly all of them are for small amounts

RAIDED POKER GAME

County Detective and District Attorney Swoop Down on Brownsville

County Detective Alex McBeth District Attorney D W Henderson Deputy Sheriff B Dunn Assistant County Detective Lin McLaughlin and several other officers raided a poker game at Brownsville Saturday night A M Sargent Rush and Geo A Newmyer were arrested and a number of other citizens of Bridgeport and Brownsville fined for sums of $ each

Sargent keeps a livery stable and Rush took a hand in poker game. The police came up to this Rush and Dunn were placed under arrest down as A large gambling paraphernalia was captured

TIME EXTENDED

Bidders Will Have Until January 31 to Take Bonds

At a meeting of the finance committee of the Connellsville School Board composed of Directors W S Stimmel J F Hannan and F ? Hoke held last evening in the office of Attorney L C Hatlee counsel for the Board it was decided to extend the time in which bids on the $ 000 bond issue for the Second ward improvements will be received from January 27 to January 31

Frank O'Connor Secretary of the Board met with the Committee

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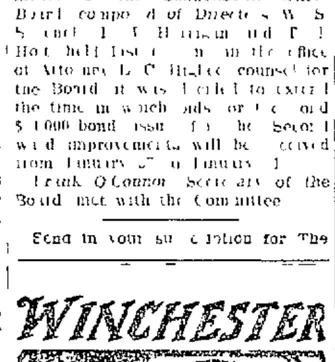

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BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Died of Injuries Received in Fall from His Train

CUMBERLAND Jan 28—George I Anderson aged 27 years who resided on Highland street this city died on Saturday night at the Allegheny hospital from injuries sustained in a fall from his train near Connellsville 24 hours previously He was a Baltimore & Ohio brakeman In his fall he sustained a fracture of the base of the skull Mr Anderson was found lying along the side of the track and was carried to the Mullaton Sanitarium Friday he was brought to Cumberland and taken to the Allegheny hospital

The body was prepared for burial at the Stein morgue and removed to the Anderson home on Highland street The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon and interment will be made in Rose Hill cemetery William Anderson a machinist employed in the Western Maryland shops at Elkins is a surviving brother

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Brings Reprimand From Postoffice Department for Carrier Showman.

TROUBLES AT POLLS LAST FALL

In the Fourth Ward Over the Appointment of a Judge of Election Made Result of Investigation by Civil Service Commission

WASHINGTON Jan 30—The Civil Service Commission at Washington is now particularly active in taking up the cases of Federal officials and employes in Pennsylvania and in other states who are guilty of pernicious political activity

J J Vogel Secretary of the Civil Service Board for the Third District was in Connellsville December 12 to investigate the charges against George F Showman a letter carrier in the Connellsville postoffice The charges were to the effect that Showman attempted to dictate to the Election Judge November 5 1907 who should be appointed Inspector of Election that he had a man with him whom he insisted should be appointed This being improper and disrespectful language and gave the letter to a citizen bringing discredit upon the service and upon the uniform he wore Mr Vogel took the testimony of a number of persons going about the matter with characteristic vigor and energy and securing the sworn statements of a number of witnesses in substantiation of the original complaint These statements proved conclusively that Showman was guilty of the charges and deserving of punishment The Civil Service Commission went so far as to recommend that Showman be suspended for a month without pay which would amount to a substantial penalty but the Postoffice Department now ordered that Showman off with a reprimand and a mark against his name upon his official record which will tell against him when it comes to the question of promotion This action of the part of the Department though not so severely disciplinary will have a good effect upon the morale of the service not only in Connellsville but elsewhere In general it may be said that in the Federal service there are not many conspicuous offenders against the statutes with regard to political activity Most United States employes are aware by this time that the rulings with regard to political activity are strictly enforced and lived up to in the Civil Service Commission

Dunbar Men Prosecuted

Al Cur and J Sullivan are defendants in a criminal prosecution instituted to court by Squire W H Conteni of Dunbar The charge is one of disorderly conduct, making indecent gestures and writing on the front entrance to a nickelodeon in the furnace town

Jake Churns Renominated

Jacob Churns has been renominated for Constable in North Union township

FELL UNDER TRAIN BEATING HIS WAY.

John Brewer Riding Blind Baggage Meets With Fearful Accident.

INJURIES MAY PROVE FATAL.

Two Colored Miners of Meyersdale Attempt to Dry Out Powder and Are Perhaps Fatally Burned by an Explosion—One Very Serious.

John P Brewer 40 years old was brought to the hospital in a serious condition Monday the result of falling from a B & O train Brewer was riding a fast east bound train and fell from it at Rockwood He was caught by the wheels of a coach and his left arm was crushed off near the shoulder His left hip was dislocated and he suffered many cuts and bruises about the body He was given assistance at Confluence and brought to the hospital on train No 49 last evening Brewer says his home is at Tarentum, Pa. and that he is single He is in such serious condition that he does not known how the accident happened

Jacob Russian and Joe Raymond both colored of Meyersdale, are at the hospital suffering from severe burns The men are miners employed by the Somerset Coal Company and Monday were drying out powder in their shanty They got the can too close to the stove and it exploded Russian is badly burned about the hands and face while Raymond is perhaps fatally burned The flesh of his body from the knees to his head has been burned off and there are few chances for his recovery.

MORE DOGS SLAIN.

Big Wagon Load Carted Away From Vicinity of Star Junction

PERRYOPOLIS, Jan 29—Constable L D Burnsworth of Perry township Tax Collector Alvin Byers and M F Carson made another trip over towards Star Junction yesterday on a dog hunting expedition They killed 8 dogs and it required a big two horse wagon to haul away the carcasses As little was done in the tax collecting line, this portion only netting $8

This campaign will be continued until Perry township is a safer place for sheep raising, and more secure against the ravages of the vagrant canines The ofrangers are making a trip today over towards Wick Haven and Wickerhaven

New Salem's School District

A petition signed by the freeholders of New Salem independent school district was presented to court at Uniontown this morning that the independent district should not be abolished An action that has been contemplated

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THE AWAKENING OF THE MINE INSPECTORS

The State Mine Inspectors have concluded their investigat ons of the Naomi and the Darr mines and have made important re ommendations Their recommendations are not new and they do not differ in substance from the recommendations of the Coroners of Fayette and Westmoreland counties and their in elligent juries but they do differ very materially in effect

The juries of inquest made suggestions the mine inspec ors have issued commands The inquest inquired nto the causes of death with a view to locating the respons bility therefor the inspectors considered how such fatalities might be avoided in the future and they have the power to enforce their demands upon the mine owners

It is interesting to note that the new regulations of the mine inspectors are consonant with the suggestions recently made in these columns that the requirements enforced against the Connellsville region operators where mining is less dangerous should be extended to the more dangerous mines of other districts

There are mining methods much more dangerous than that of shooting the solid as practised in the coke region and the mine inspectors seem to be awakening to the fact It is time

SYMPATHETIC STRIKES

John Mitchell will go down in history as one of the ablest Presidents the union miners ever had and his parting injunction to the United Mine Workers is to avoid sympathetic strikes I have not seen any be efit accrue from any sympathetic strikes he says

There may be isolated cases where in one labor organization is aided by a sympathetic strike on the part of a kindred organization but as a general rule President Mitchell's proposition is correct

Even where aid is tendered in his indirect manner to the cause of union labor it is usually at the expense of the sympathizers Every tub should stand on its own bottom is an old adage and when the tub won t so stand there is something radically wrong with its architecture

Union labor should be careful in its efforts to obtain its just reward that it does not do injustice to its employment It is generally conceded that the man who killed the goose that laid golden eggs was a foolish fellow Union labor is sometimes powerful enough to kill the goose but the killing reacts upon itself

Probably this is what John Mitchell meant

THE REMEDY FOR RECKLESS MINERS

The arrest of a number of miners in the Banning mine which adjoins the ill fated Darr mine for flagrant violations of the plain requirements of the mining laws seems a most incredible

One would think that with the awful spectacle of the recent terrible catastrophe at their very doors fresh in their recollection the miners would exercise more than ordinary care to avoid the fate of the Darr victims

The fact that there are still some so reckless as to invite a repetition of the Darr disaster only proves again the truth of what has been repeatedly stated in these columns that the chief offenders against the mining laws are the miners themselves

There is nothing left to do but to make an example of those who violate the laws enacted primarily for their protection in the hope that the law will be more generally feared and respected

RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MINE OPERATORS

In appealing from the orders of the Mine Inspectors to the courts the Pittsburg Coal Company has only exercised a legal privilege and there is no reason to doubt either that the investigation as el for will be thorough and impartial or that the final decision will be just and equitable

Nevertheless it seems to us that there might be more harmony of action and unity of purpose between the inspectors and the operators since the duty of the former is not inconsistent with the interests of the latter The operators are doubtless just as desirous of employing all reasonable precautions against disaster as the inspectors can possibly be Mine explosions mean the destruction of property as well as human life to uproot disastrous suits for loss of life The operator of average intelligence would avoid this danger on any reasonable terms

As a rule the Connellsville coke operators have forestalled the inspectors by voluntarily adopting all proper measures of safety and perhaps for this very reason they have been subjected to more rigid regulations than have been imposed upon operators outside of the region

The result of the application of the Pittsburg Coal Company to the courts will be awaited with interest as it will have an important bearing upon mine practise and the relative rights and duties of mine operators and inspectors

PRACTICABLE PATENT COKE OVENS

The spirited litigation over the ownership of the Mitchell or Landis patent coke oven and the comparatively large number of such ovens in successful operation in the Connellsville region indicate that after many years a patent coke oven of practicability has been produced

The beehive type of coke oven is as old as the coke industry itself It has been the wonder of this inventive age that the wasteful and extravagant coking practise of this and other regions has not sooner been improved upon Mining practise has shown wonderful improvement and the improvements have for the most part been devised in the Connellsville regions

Many attempts have been made to produce an improved coke oven but until quite recently all these have been condemned as impracticable Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered that a dispute has arisen concerning the ownership of one of the first feasible types of improved ovens It is a matter of money as well as honor

MINE WORKERS SHOULD CLEAN HOUSE

Politics is to be expected in state government and perhaps it is not too much to expect it in certain and even in spiritual organizations but the rotten and corrupt politics that dishonestly stuffs the ballot box and defeats the will of the membership of any organization cannot be too severely condemned

The United Mine Workers organization has been dealt a deadly blow in the house of its friends by ballot box stuffers Confidence in the integrity of its management is essential to the unity of any organization and without unity an organization is without strength

The confidence of the membership of an organization in its leadership is broken down and even utterly destroyed by the knowledge that its officers or any of them are not the choice of that membership

The United Mine Workers should address themselves earnestly to the task of purging their body from such practises They should in short clean house

THE WISDOM OF INDUSTRIAL UNITY

The decision of the steel manufacturers to maintain prices at the present level if faithfully observed will demonstrate the wisdom of industrial unity and furnish an excellent example to the coke manufacturers of the Connellsville region

If there is no reason why steel prices should come down then there is no reason why coke prices should be at their present low level It was long ago agreed that Connellsville coke should never sell at less than $2 per ton because of its intrinsic value The field is comparatively limited and the supply will grow more valuable as the years go by Prices have been at an abnormally high level for several years past but they are now in many instances under the minimum rate mentioned

Their reduction was brought about by competition among the manufacturers brought on by the sudden and serious falling off in demand Many of the smaller operators did not feel able to shut down their operations because of pressing obligations incurred for building and the purchase of coal lands They were perforce compelled to cut the price and they have succeeded in chopping them down to the danger line

The Connellsville coke operators should get together after the manner of the men who buy their product

PROFANITY A PUBLIC NUISANCE

The action of Burgess Soisson in sending two colored offenders to jail for profanity on the public streets is a little unusual but strictly according to law and it is a pity that the law is not more generally enforced

Profanity on the public streets is a common nuisance and ought to be suppressed if for no other reason than the uplifting of the English language With too many men especially those whose education has been limited profanity has been substituted to the exclusion of a more intelligent and more creditable knowledge of the English language If half the time spent in acquiring abusive and vulgar expressions were devoted to the acquisition of a better vocabulary the profane man would suffer nothing in emphasis and gain greatly in respect

There is nothing so utterly senseless as a string of unmeaning oaths and nothing more offensive to the ears of intelligent and self-respecting people The habit should be discouraged in the interest of common sense and common decency

OUR MOST UNHAPPY CLIMATE

The climate of this intemperate zone is going from bad to worse The weather changes every twenty four hours and on occasions every nine seconds The thermometers are wearing out with the strenuous racing up and down the tubes of the mercury and the barometers will soon have to be equipped with the gyroscope to prevent their indicators from being thrown off their trolleys by their gymnastic gyrations

The frequent and sudden changes from heat to cold and back again have bred all sorts of human ills from plain colds to grip and pneumonia The whole people sniffle and snuffle and suffer without cessation

But perhaps one of the most disagreeable features of the weather is the frequency of violent wind storms which drive the cold air and snow and dust through all the crannies of the household saturate everybody with dirt and disease break the windows threaten to wreck the houses and make life entirely miserable

At the present rate of progress we will all be glad when winter is over and the Good Old Summer Time comes again

WHY SOME BANKS HAVE FAILED

The suspension of a couple more of the New York chain banks calls to mind the fact that this particular species of high finance was perhaps wholly responsible for the recent financial panic which caused widespread industrial depression and which has thrown thousands of workmen out of employment

The process of establishing a chain of banks was no doubt borrowed from the Harriman plan of obtaining control of railroads The promoters of the scheme secured control of the stock of one bank put this stock up as collateral and borrowed enough money with which to buy a controlling interest in another bank placed the stock so acquired for another loan until they repeated the operation of buying stock borrowing on it and buying again until the chain was complete

Having thus linked together a chain of banks the promoters found it easy to borrow all kinds of money on any kind of security and with the capital thus at their command they plunged into all sorts of fantastic speculation with the result that the banks were soon loaded up with worthless securities

In this weakened condition such banks unable to meet the demands of their depositors have been compelled to go into liquidation in fact in most cases they have been forced into the hands of receivers

The suspension of banks under such reckless control and subject to such sinister influences is not to be wondered at The wonder is that they withstood the strain as long as they did

The Connellsville banks and those of Fayette county generally are not members of chains and that is the reason they have been able to weather the storm that has wrecked the weaker vessels

BLACK HAND LETTERS AND THEIR WRITERS

It seems that Black Hand letters are becoming as plenty as Valentines in Connellsville Whether the writers are actuated by motives of blackmail or more practical joking they should be suppressed and it is the duty of the authorities to make every effort to discover apprehend and punish them as they deserve

The courts are not disposed to fool with either type of this particular form of blackmail In Mercer county one of the writers in the Black Hand movement was sent to the Penitentiary for a term of years not to mention a fine of $1 000 and in order to full restitution of all the monies he had extorted from nervous people such restitution to be made before he gets his freedom

While it is true the Connellsville recipients of Black Hand letters wisely ignore them we are informed that many cool in modest circumstances have permitted themselves to be robbed of small amounts by this gracious method The business seems to be more brisk and profitable just now than in the more respectable operations on the stock exchanges Persons receiving Black Hand letters should turn them over to the police and forward them the more of these letters the authorities have the more likely they will be to locate some of the writers

The Black Hand letter writing industry will flourish just as long as the writers are permitted to pursue their trade without discovery and punishment A stern example will go a long ways toward discouraging those engaged in the nefarious practice

THE CROSS MARK IN POLITICS

It seems that the big noises of the recent judicial campaign have echoed and reechoed until their reverberations have smitten the delicate ears of the Civil Service Commission to their offending

A Connellsville letter carrier has been found to be politically pernicious and the commission wanted him suspended from the service but the Post office Department which is of course never in politics and has not been used in the interest of any candidate has contented itself with putting a cross mark against the name of the offending postman This man we are assured will tell against the offender when promotion time comes but it may also tell more effectively in his favor if he has alighted on his feet in the right place

The cross mark in politics has a very diverse meaning It is all right on the ballot but on a list of late appointments it is heartbreaking but usually the man who gets it right on the ballot does not get the double cross from the Civil Service Commission if he escapes it from the Congressman or other powers that be hit the line

Civil Service Reform is a good thing and we can stand more of it in Connellsville but it is evident that the eve of a Presidential campaign is no fit time to discuss the matter

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PASSIONATE PROTEST.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress is a passionate protest against the charge so frequently made and freely credited that his insistent anti-corporation policies are chiefly responsible for the recent currency panic and the resultant industrial depression The message presents no new issue It is an emphatic reiteration of his former deliverances on the subject of railway regulation in general and the suppression of the crimes of the malefactors of wealth in particular

The President demands the reenactment of the Employers Liability bill to apply only to corporations engaged in interstate commerce he advocates a pension feature for Government employes injured in the line of duty and he would extend his feature to labor in private employment he denounces the abuse of the injunction by judges but defends the injunction as a matter of legal principle and he offers no remedy for the abuse he complains of but he lets the responsibility rest upon Congress he would increase the powers of the Interstate Railroad Commission but at the same time he would charge those of the railroads with respect to the arrangements he believes the Sherman law is too narrow and wholly inadequate to changed conditions and he would have it amended to meet these conditions he would confine the operations of the stock exchanges to legitimate transactions while criticising the judiciary he pays an eloquent tribute to it he deplores the financial panic but has the utmost optimism in the future and he earnestly denies the charge that the actions of his administration were in any manner responsible for the financial flurry

The whole message bristles with the pessimism, hatred and opposition to the Standard Oil Company which out of all the great corporations is selected as the chief conspirator against the nation's people and he denounces its hirelings the politicians, the papers and the lawyers who for hire have attacked this policy of his and its corporation against his administration

The President labors to impress upon the minds of Congressmen and citizens at large that he is a friend of the farmer and justice always whether it affects capital or labor rich or the poor man and he pays an eloquent tribute to the mighty public while denouncing the financial lion who smothers the enterprise of the labor by mowing down the Mammon or cowering with fear his denial for an employers liability allowing the ground that the business is ... the cost of the injury which employes have to bear should be assumed by the employer and thereby the cost of the product and paid by the consumer instead of being saddled upon the one man least able to shoulder it

The message breathes defiance of the corporate interests and especially disclaims all responsibility for the recent money panic Evidently the President does not believe he is in any way to blame for the depression through which the country is now passing nor that his policy has any effect upon business conditions

THE CANDIDATE OF THE COAL MINERS

The announcement that Judge George Gray the big man from the small State of Delaware is being boomed for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency by the United Mine Workers must give Bryan pause A Democratic candidate who is able to show that he can poll any considerable proportion of the labor vote will have strong backing among the political leaders of his party even against the Peerless Popocratic perennial

Judge Gray is popular with the Safe and Sane ... He is regarded as being one of them He has in their regard all the qualities of a Moses But his counsels will have a hard time convincing anybody that he can poll the labor vote on the union labor vote He is far from being a labor man He has been just to labor as he has been to all men but organized labor will no doubt find him for ... support him in anything that would be in derogation to the rights of property and incidentally or the rights of capital and the law

Judge Gray is not a demagogue in which respect he differs materially from Colonel Bryan The former would make a creditable Democratic candidate but his boom is concerned Bryan is still riding the Democratic horse and he won t be unhorsed in his will and Woolly West by any candidate from the Effete East

BROWNSVILLE'S UNDESIRABLE ENTERPRISE

Brownsville is the oldest town in Fayette county Redstone Old Fort was one of the first settlements West of the Mountains in Colonial times and for some time Brownsville thought it and Pittsburg forever outclassed because the latter wasn t on the National Pike but the Pike ceased to be an important commercial route the modern means of transportation centered in Pittsburg and Brownsville was left alone and lonesome to dream of its past greatness The very name of Brownsville becomes a synonym for ... municipal life The town was ... old one

With the advent of the Lower Connellsville region as a coke-producing section the rejuvenation of the Monongahela's great waterway and the extensive developments incident there to the brooding and backward borough sitting on the hill awoke to new life It has been our pleasure to mention many palpable evidences of its recent growth and prosperity and we expect to mention many more The future opens bright before Brownsville

With its awakening has come a train of enterprise and evils Virtue and vice linked arms and marched together in the van of its progress Its somnolent peace was broken by the sounds of activity The smoke of its industries mingled with the brimstone odors of its perdition breeding practises The evil in which wealth is rooted was developed along with the latter It is one of the penalties of prosperity

The gravest crimes in the calendar have recently appeared to Brownsville's credit on the court records Murder and suicide and the black methods of the Black Hand are rampant where once the current of life ran sluggish in its situations

But the latest and most glaring evidence of Brownsville's sinful swiftness is the discovery of a gambling den devoted to insidious poker and other games of chance modern in its equipment and plentifully supplied with paraphernalia protected against municipal interference by official influences and apportioning its profits according to the Tweed rule of Addition Division and Silence

The poker industry is discouraged by the law and the District Attorney insists that the proprietors of the Brownsville gambling house shall answer for their offense notwithstanding the fact that some of them occupy an official relation to the municipal government of the borough The public will agree with the District Attorney in the view that a Town Councilman has no more right to run a gambling house than any other citizen but that on the contrary his act is morally even more reprehensible since he is charged with the duty of conserving the laws and should be the last to violate them By precept and example he should be a good citizen

Brownsville's moral subway interests have been entirely too eager in their efforts to keep pace with its material prosperity The ambitions of its underworld enterprise to keep abreast of its industrial and commercial growth should not be encouraged and if the contributions are found in official circles it is all the more urgent that they be eradicated

CORTELYOU'S JUSTIFICATION

The Secretary of the Treasury replies to some criticisms on his official conduct during the recent financial crisis His answer is full and conclusive He justifies all his actions and the country will accept the justification

In fact it was scarcel necessary There are always some captious critics who are ready to accuse the Treasury of being subservient if not subsidiary to capital and to insinuate that public officials are animated by motives of personal gain instead of patriotic impulses Even so high a character as Grover Cleveland did not escape his slander

The Treasury is the people's and should be made to serve the people's interests wherever possible The public interests demanded the intervention of the Treasury The country's shattered credit rested upon it recovered its breath and was able to withstand the shocks to which it was subjected

The only criticism that can be made concerning the Treasury is that it is not under existing laws capable of lending enough assistance in times of financial crisis and this defect it is now the object of the Congress to cure

CONNELLSVILLE ANOTHER CENTER

Connellsville is not only the center of the coke region which bears its name but it is also the center of that region's electric light and power

Fayette county and the Monongahela valley as far as Charleroi Pa and Westmoreland county as far as Greensburg depend upon the great central power house at Connellsville for their lights and the whole West Penn trolley system is operated from this point

An interruption in the operation of the central power house brings forcibly to the notice of all the other towns in this wide scope of territory the fact that Connellsville is very much on the map in spite of the feeble efforts of some jealous neighboring newspapers to put us off

But so perfectly finished and carefully guarded is the machinery of the central station that such accidents are rapidly of rare occurrence nor indeed are they necessary to vindicate Connellsville's claim to municipal importance

THE STATE CAPITOL GRAFT CASES

The State Capitol graft cases are now on trial at Harrisburg and the indications are that the light which Governor Stuart promised to shed upon this dark transaction will be brilliant and searching enough to satisfy even State Treasurer Berry and others who could see no hope of the people coming to their own under another Pennsylvania Republican administration

The severance of the case of Architect Huston is interpreted to mean that he has turned State's evidence and will tell the whole story It is anticipated by many people that the conspiracy included men high in official station and they await Huston's tale with interest

It must be confessed that it seems improbable that an architect and a contractor should be permitted to rob the State with such impunity and in such a wholesale manner unless other high authority were partners in the crime

But if it should be shown that the architect and the contractor were the sole members of the Capitol Plunder band and that they received all the graft the higher authorities will at least be convicted of criminal negligence of their duties

It is to be hoped that the searchlight of truth will be turned into every nook and cranny of this gigantic conspiracy which has blackened the fair name of Pennsylvania and that the guilty ones may be punished as they deserve not only as a matter of justice but also as a justification of the Republican party's claim to ability to do its own housecleaning without the aid or consent of indifferent Democratic workmen

THE TIME TO MAKE MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS

Scottdale's municipal government is dealing with the business depression in an eminently wise and practical manner by putting its idle men to work on sewer extensions The example might be followed with public spirit and public profit in Connellsville if the borough treasury were not all but empty and the borough credit all but exhausted by that peculiar Democratic Reform which buncoed the people for several years

But the people are wise to it now and the coming election will see a new and we hope a better regime one that will gather up the loose ends of the town's shattered finances and set us on a better basis again

In the meantime however if it is possible to do any public improvements in Connellsville and at the same time to give work to idle men especially those with dependent families it should be done

SCATHING REBUKE TO THE DEMOCRATIC RING

The result of the primary election in the First Ward is a scathing rebuke to the old Democratic ring which under the guise of reform looted the treasury and almost bankrupted the borough

It is an unusual proceeding for the members of one political party to nominate as their candidates the candidates of another party The moving consideration for such unnatural action must be insistent and powerful Such a condition existed in the First Ward The Democrats who sought the Democratic nomination for Town Council were reputed to be affiliated with the Democratic Plunderbund and a decided majority of the Democratic voters would have none of them They preferred Republicans because Republicans have demonstrated their willingness and their ability to administer the affairs of the borough efficiently economically and honestly

The return show that this Democratic repudiation was the work of Democrats alone The Republicans do not seem to have attempted the unlawful and unfair method of voting the Democratic primary ballot notwithstanding some insinuations to the contrary The total number of Republican votes cast for Town Council was 2 1 and ating 110 or more Republican ballots while the vote of the Republican candidate for Judge of Election was 11

The right of the Democrats of the First Ward or a majority of them to nominate as their candidates for Town Council the Republican candidates for the same office is undoubted It is a right which is often exercised by political parties when it is deemed necessary in the interest of good government to rise above partisanship

The Democrats of the First Ward deemed it necessary in this case to so rise and they rose sternly and ent ingly patriotically

THE RELATION OF PARENT AND CHILD

The Perryopolis father who was released from the Scottdale jail on the plea of his little son who said that he and the other children were hungry and cold and alone was the recipient of that mercy which is sometimes properly commingled with justice but in this case the mercy was extended rather to his unfortunate children than to himself He was a purely collateral incident

The sins of the parents have been visited upon the children for generations and will so continue until the millennium or the end of time but where it is possible the children should be relieved of the load of guilt and the lash of punishment

If it be true that the mother deserted her children she though possibly suffering wrongs from the father neglected some things of the mother nature to desert her children in the hour of their need and leave them alone and unprotected in a cold and hard world

The parents of these children should come together and patiently bear with each other's infirmities as well as conditions with their marriage vows in justice to the tender ones who have a claim upon their devotion

The boy who pled so eloquently for his erring father has pointed out the path of duty and the parents should lose no time in setting their feet therein

CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION FOR 1910

The Greater Connellsville movement is going steadily forward Its necessity is becoming better understood and the wisdom of its early adoption more generally recognized The narrowness and selfishness of the opposition is becoming more clear to the public view while the public benefits which will accrue from the consolidation and extension and the public spirit which animates the advocates of such action is becoming better appreciated The Lazybelle aid voices some of the reason for extending borough lines to include suburban population as follows

The whole built up town here should be under one municipal government and to this end the borough lines should be extended to take in all the town which is really ex... about thirty five years since there was a change in our borough lines and great changes have come to the place since then Many people living near by should be paying their taxes in the borough and share more largely in what they pay for rather than having them spread over two large townships They should be closer in touch with our schools which many of them now help to support They should be in position to connect with our sewer system have the benefits of lighted streets and other improvements of our ... them On the other hand the town should receive its just rating in the census soon to be taken

It is most important that the policy of extension be carried to completion before the census of 1910 Both Connellsville and New Haven are losing business every day because the country at large has the impression gained from the census reports that neither are more than country villages while as a matter of fact both together constitute a hustling and growing city

From this time forward the public spirited citizens of both towns should not lose a moment but should redouble their energies Their watchword should be Consolidation and Expansion for 1910

The sportsmen who annually look after the restocking of our trout streams are performing a public spirited work no matter how hard they may fish for the trout when summer comes Some people are intent only on catching the fish out of our streams They never think of maintaining the supply Some of them even try to destroy it utterly by the use of dynamite They are as foolish as the man who killed the goose that laid golden eggs and as cruel as those who kill out of the mere lust of blood The world has no use for an insane destroyer We should all be builders and take only of the increase

The wisdom of man is not proof against error Let us not be too critical or unforgiving

The Mikado has issued an edict absolutely prohibiting Japanese emigration to the United States This is one of the best possible indications that Japan desires amicable relations with the United States but yellow journalism and yellow politics will no doubt continue to look at the situation through saffron colored spectacles

Connellsville pays its teachers $3 000 per month It cost something to run the public schools but it is money well invested

'Claim everything with confidence was Zack Chandler's advice in 1876 and it resulted in the inauguration of Rutherford B Hayes as President The same policy seems to characterize the campaign of some of the candidates for the Republican nomination for the Presidency in 1908 It is easy to figure but in politics figures are unconscionable liars

The hand of Senator Knox is visible in President Roosevelt's message of denial to predatory wealth yet the opponents of Knox are fond of telling the country that he was once a corporation lawyer

Bond premiums are at a minimum figure just now

The Big Stick is striking with an Honest Purpose and if the Reactionaries succeed in dodging it they will only encounter something with greater and more ruthless smashing power The Message is a Word to the Wise

Farewell 2 cent fares

Strict mine inspection and strict enforcement of the mining laws are the orders of the day in Western Pennsylvania The orders have come none too soon

Connellsville people will return to the trolley cars when they travel to and from the county seat and other local points

Them's my sentiments too says Bryan ... but he doesn t accuse the President of stealing them

A Fourth Ward voter asked the election board for the privilege of voting a split ticket The Uniform Primary law does not recognize a split ticket That is a ... which is the sole property of the general election and which is frequently the voter's most valuable weapon against official corruption

Connellsville is the electric center of the coke region all right

Brownsville isn t dead but some of the people are getting there

William J Cree the condemned ... has been granted a new trial and new hope of life

The mine foreman of Snow Hill is accused of failing in pretty nearly everything he ought to do

Colonel Fulton doesn t want to pay for any coal that isn t merchantable In other words he thinks that coal which doesn t go with other people shouldn t go to him

We have been treated to the novelty of a thunder and lightning blizzard This kind of weather is more novel than pleasant

The District Attorney evinces a determination to break up Brownsville gambling His action is most commendable It should extend to every town in the county not excluding ... the county seat own is ... of not being wholly immune

The freak weather is responsible for much ill ...

The B & O trainmen have received ... the Water Wagon and stay there That is an excellent place for them to ... to be

The employes of the Steel Corporation ... to be ... the ... of ... more enjoyable

The B & O trainmen object to the ... Water Wagon ... the ... and ... but the Democratic doctrine ... The ... is ... Prohibition

Connellsville gave the Darr mine sufferers substantial sympathy

STRONG EFFORT TO SECURE FUNDS.

Darr Mine Relief Association Adopts New Plans to Raise Relief Fund.

COLLECTIONS IN CHURCHES.

Ministerial Association Will be Asked to Take Up One Sunday—Elks May Give a Concert to Help Along the Good Work.

A large attendance of the members of the Darr Mine Relief Association turned out at the meeting held in the Wallace furniture store Tuesday and plans were adopted for raising the amount that it is felt Connellsville should contribute. The general impression is that Connellsville, Scottdale and Uniontown and other small towns in this neighborhood should raise between $8 000 and $1 600. A resolution was passed asking the Ministerial Association of this community to take up a collection in the churches Sunday February 9 for the Darr mine sufferers.

A personal canvass of the business district will be made at once by fifteen members appointed by the committee. These committees will visit the down town district. To every person contributing to the fund they will give a certificate showing the amount of the contribution and any amount no matter how small will be acceptable. It is hoped by this system a good sum can be secured.

The secretary was authorized to communicate with the business interests of Uniontown and Scottdale with a request for their co-operation.

John Duggan of New Haven who contributed a lot in Greenwood to be raffled was present and discussed the method of disposing of the lot to the best advantage of the sufferers. The plan adopted was to have each of the mine communities form a committee to secure subscriptions and make a canvass of their people at once. The lot is to go to the person turning in the largest contribution to the fund. P J Tormay who was present approved of the plan and said that he would take it up with the Frick Company at a meeting of the Superintendents in Scottdale today.

It is probable that the Connellsville Lodge of Elks will give a benefit concert for the fund. D F Girard met with the committee and has undertaken the presentation of the matter to the Elks, and an announcement will be made in the near future.

THEATRE SOLD.

Charles Soisson Purchases the Bijou for $500 and S Hantman Buys Uniontown Furnishings

The Bijou Theatre owned by David Margoff was sold at Sheriff's sale for the creditors of Margoff who has entered a petition in bankruptcy to Charles Soisson for $500. The amusement place is said to have cost Margoff over $5 000. Its interior is one of the prettiest in this section. Mr Soisson expects to open the theatre as soon as arrangements can be made with the booking companies to do so.

The interior furnishings of Mr Margoff's house at Uniontown were disposed of under like conditions to S Hantman for $8_. These furnishings when new cost the purchaser in the neighborhood of $500. The sales were made Tuesday.

PAPER LOST.

Wife's Answer to Her Husband's Libel Charge Not Filed But Found in Attorney's Desk

UNIONTOWN Jan 30—The equity list was called over this morning and it was found that few cases were ready for trial and none for argument. In the libel in divorce filed by W E Kisinger against Ada M Kisinger, Attorney McKean stated that he had been engaged by Mrs Kisinger and that he had prepared an answer to the libellant's bill in August but that it had not been filed and he had located the paper in his desk.

He was allowed to file as of date of August. Mrs Kisinger is charged by her husband with desertion which she denies and will contest the action.

COUNTING THE VOTE

County Commissioners Began Tedious Work Wednesday

UNIONTOWN Jan 30—The County Commissioners began yesterday to officially canvass the votes cast in the various districts in the winter primary last Saturday.

In almost every voting precinct there were several extra names written on the ballots by the voters and these names must be copied just the same whether they received but a single vote or were the highest on the list.

Gun Club Shoot.

The West Newton Gun Club will dedicate its new club house on Wednesday, February 12, with a Jack Rabbit tournament shoot beginning at 1 P M. Many clubs in the vicinity are expected to be present.

JUDGE BAER'S CAREER.

He Was Long Regarded Leader of the Somerset Bar

SOMERSET Pa Jan 29—(Special) Judge William J Baer the eldest brother of President George F Baer of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad died here yesterday morning. As a lawyer Judge Baer was regarded as leader of the Somerset bar. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 187_ and his service in that body won him a wide reputation as a constitutional lawyer. Judge Baer was a Democrat but was widely popular and in the memorable judicial campaign of 1881 defeated John Cessna by a plurality of 1 votes in the overwhelmingly Republican Somerset Bedford district.

He was born in Berlin this county January 20 1826 and was admitted to the Somerset bar in 1849. He is survived by his widow and four children Mrs John Gogle Mrs A L G Hay Mrs Edna Furst and Miss Lily Baer all of Somerset. Judge Baer promoted many Somerset county enterprises. He owned 79 000 acres of land in this county. He organized and was the first President of the Somerset & Cambria railroad the largest carrier of bituminous coal in the State founded the town of Cassina and was the first to develop the mining industry in this community.

SIMPSON PROMOTED.

Will Go With the American Water & Guarantee Company an Allied West Penn Concern

J H Simpson who has been real estate agent for the West Penn Railways Company has received a nice promotion having been assigned to a position in the office of J B Van Wagoner the treasurer where he will assist in the conduct of the business of the American Water & Guarantee Company an allied West Penn concern.

Mr Simpson has been with the West Penn Company for the past four years. His duties have been numerous but he has made an excellent record for himself and the promotion is well deserved. No one has been appointed to succeed him.

He will leave for his new work on Saturday. It is likely that his new position will result in his resignation as Captain of Company D although this has not been decided upon at this time.

Mr Simpson is receiving the congratulations of all the West Penn employes over his good luck today.

BUYS HOTEL.

John D Cunningham Leaves Railroad to Become Landlord at Confluence

By a deal closed Tuesday John D Cunningham a well known and popular Baltimore & Ohio railroad man becomes proprietor of the Hotel Gilchrist at Confluence one of the best known hostelries in Somerset county. Mr Cunningham only purchased the lease and fixtures. The Gilchrist in the last two years has been entirely remodeled and is handsomely furnished as a country hotel.

Mr Cunningham is an engineer well up in the service of the B & O with an excellent record. He will shortly move from his pretty home on Green street South Side to take charge of the Gilchrist.

STAG DINNER

Given Last Evening by Sam F Hood Covers Being Laid for Ten Friends

Handsomely appointed in every detail was an 8 o'clock stag dinner given Wednesday by S F Hood at his home on South Arch street. Covers were laid for ten. The out of town guests present were W B Morris City Passenger Agent of the P & L E at Pittsburg and C N Boyd of Pittsburg.

A short musical program was rendered after the dinner. Mr Boyd and Mr Morris who are prominent in Pittsburg musical circles, rendered several selections.

CHANGE IN YARDS

New Passenger Engine Yards May Be Located at Pitcairn

Numerous changes are to be made about the Wilmerding yards. Already the repair siding on this side of the main line have been done away with and repair yard No 1 will be removed to what is known as Castle Garden that yard being also abandoned. It is reported that extensive yards for passenger engines will be located around the passenger station.

The reason for this is that the smoke ordinance in effect in Pittsburg has made it necessary for the removal of engines outside of the city limits. The erection of the new water tank at Pitcairn would indicate that preparations are being made to handle more engines there.

DISCUSS WAGE SCALES

B & O Employes and Officials in Conference at Baltimore

Representatives of engineers firemen machinists conductors and other trainmen employed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad system are in Baltimore conferring with officials of that road regarding wage scales.

Another delegation from the Pittsburg district left for Baltimore yesterday. The meeting is said to have been called by the railroad officials.

SLAV TAKES HIS LIFE.

Rupert Smetana Tries to Kill Wife, Then Takes Morphine

HIS FAMILY HAD FLED FROM HIM

From Allegheny to Mt Pleasant Because He Had Frequently Threatened to Kill All of Them—At First Officers Thought Man Was Only Drunk

MT PLEASANT Jan 28—After making several futile attempts to kill his wife and ____ Rupert Smetana a Slavish brick contractor of Allegheny committed suicide last night at this place by taking morphine.

Smetana it seems had been threatening the life of his wife and family while they were residents of Allegheny. His wife was afraid that any day he might come in on them while in a state of intoxication and murder the whole family as he had often threatened to do before she removed to Mt Pleasant. Smetana finally located them here and after getting intoxicated he secured a new razor and went to their home on Washington street with the intention of wiping out the whole family. He was met by his wife whom he grabbed by the arm and gave five minutes to prepare for death. She finally broke his hold before he was able to carry out his intentions and running out of the house gave the alarm. Officer Stevens was called and when he arrived in company with Blaine Goldsmith they found Smetana on the kitchen floor thinking he was in a drunken stupor they aroused him and took him to the borough bastile where on searching him they found the razor.

When Burgess Crosby and Officer Stevens arrived at the lockup this morning to give him his hearing they found him in a semi-conscious state. They were not able to arouse him and thinking something more serious was wrong with the man they had him removed to the Memorial hospital at this place where it was found he had taken morphine during the time his wife had fled to save the ____. All efforts of the hospital corps to arouse him were futile and he died this evening at 5 o'clock from the effects of the drug.

The only witness to the deed was his wife's little daughter who told the authorities today that she had seen him drink something from a little bottle ____ the contents.

The Coroner was notified and an inquest will be held over the body which is now at Zimmerman's morgue on Wednesday.

TELEPHONE WAR.

Rival Lines Controlled by Rival Families in Greene County and Exciting Times Are Promised

WAYNESBURG Jan 29—The South Penn and the Greene County Telephone companies have a scrap on hand in the western end of the county. It is the result of the latter securing control of the line over which the former entered Mt Morris. The line is controlled by two families and it seems as though the Greene County company made arrangements for service and as a result the line was severed from the South Penn at Newton and connection made with the Greene County line.

As a result Manager Throckmorton put on the war paint and has sent a force of men to that section to put in a long distance at Newtown. This company will cut in the Dyers Fork Telephone Company's switchboard at Kirby and promise a much better service than they have had by the long distance line. A line will be built from Newtown to Mt Morris where pay stations will be established at once.

SAM JOE PAID COSTS.

Assyrian Riled by Snowballing Strikes New Haven Lad and Lands in Squire's Office

Samuel Joe an Assyrian appeared before Squire P M Buttermore of New Haven Wednesday and paid the costs on a charge of assault and battery made by J O'Donovan of New Haven. Tuesday while driving on Main street New Haven a number of boys commenced to snowball Samuel who left his wagon and started after the boys.

Samuel stated that he did not know which boy threw the snow balls. The first one he caught was James O'Donovan a son of the prosecutor. After striking the boy he released him.

PAPER SUSPENDED

Hyndman Bulletin Will be Removed to More Profitable Field

With last week's issue the Hyndman Bulletin suspended publication because of the owner's inability to give personal attention to the business of the paper. J N Swope in his announcement of suspension says the equipment will be moved to where the business will receive more personal attention and in consequence will be more profitable.

Lumbermen's Convention Closed.

The Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Pennsylvania closed its annual convention at Uniontown yesterday.

MORE PENSIONS.

Congressman Cooper Successful in Securing Aid for Veterans

WASHINGTON D C Jan 27—Congressman Allen F Cooper has been notified that the following pensions have been granted to residents of the Twenty-third Pennsylvania Congressional district:

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TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES.

Republicans and Democrats Nominate Tickets in Connellsville Township

Nominations made by the Republicans in Connellsville township at the recent primary are as follows:

For school director George Durbin and Leslie Brown are the nominees. For road supervisor ____ was won out after a sharp contest. Channing J Pierce and Alex Kooser had no opposition for constable and auditor respectively. Robert C Brown won over William P Hough for clerk. W R Kooser will be the Republican candidate for register. Gibson Helms was nominated for judge of election in No 1. Milton Miller for inspector in No 1 and George M Gregory colored inspector in No 2.

The Democrats nominated the following: J Davis and Smith Pierce are the party nominees for School Director. George Baer Jr for Road Supervisor. Nicholas Barthen for Register. Assessor George Zacharias for Township Clerk. Eugene L Norton for Auditor. J Painter Crosslan for Constable. L L Sisley for Judge of Election in No 1 and Joseph Still wagon for Judge of Election in No 2. There were no contests.

TRUSTEES MEET.

Authorize the Purchase of Additional Juvenile Books and Transact Routine Business

A meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Free Library was held Wednesday at the Library. The Trustees formally met Mrs Elizabeth Daugh the new librarian. She requested that some new juvenile books be purchased for the library and the Trustees authorized that between 100 and 125 books be purchased for this department. The young folks have taken a great deal of interest in this class of books have profited very much in reading them and Mrs Daugh thought that the purchase would be very timely.

Routine matters of a general nature were taken up and discussed. Bills to the amount of $200 were authorized to be paid. The committee found that it was possible to clear off some bills authorized at a previous meeting and these also will be paid. The Trustees are well pleased with the growing influence and interest in the Library.

ANNIVERSARY

Of Friendship Lodge of Moyer Celebrated in Pleasant Fashion Tuesday Night

Friendship Lodge of Odd Fellows of Moyer Tuesday celebrated its fourth anniversary by holding a banquet in its hall. There were about 1_0 guests present at the event. Rev Kerr of Vanderbilt and Rev Wise an evangelist delivered addresses during the evening and several of the invited guests also addressed the gathering briefly. W C Means a past officer presided over the ceremonies.

The banquet was served in the hall by the members of the lodge and their wives. It was a very pleasant and happy event. The lodge is one of the most flourishing in this part of the State.

ABRAHAM FRANKS DEAD

Franklin Township Man Had Been Ailing for Some Months

PERRYOPOLIS Jan 29—Abraham Franks a well known resident of this township who made his home with Jacob Krepps died last night after an illness of several months. His death was sudden. While he had been ill for some time his condition had not been considered serious. Mr Franks leaves a family of six grown children. He was about 63 years of age.

Killed in Front of Home

In front of his home at Allenport last evening John M Vandergrift head of the Vandergrift Distilling Company was killed by a train on the Pittsburg Virginia & Charleston railroad. He was 38 years of age and one of the best known business men in the Monongahela Valley.

Many Counterfeits

Captain W A Metzler of the Baltimore & Ohio police force was at Smithfield Wednesday and says there are many counterfeit half dollars and other counterfeit coins in circulation there.

The Weekly Courier, $1 50 a year.

DRINKING PROHIBITED

Vice President Potter Issues Strict Orders on Temperance

WHETHER ON OR OFF DUTY.

Men Who Have Anything to Do With Handling Trains Ordered Not to Use Intoxicants of Any Kind—Order of Similar Nature Out Before

Employes of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad having anything to do with the direction or running of trains will not be permitted to use intoxicants at any time hereafter—either on or off duty—and no person using such beverage will be employed according to a general notice sent out today by Mr George L Potter third Vice President in charge of the operating department. Under no circumstances will exceptions be made.

It is believed by the management of the road that this is an important step in the effort to reduce accidents to the minimum and raise the efficiency of the service and the safety of patrons in travel to the highest standard. The object for this action is plainly expressed in the first paragraph of the circular which states the protection of life and property and good of service the rigid enforcement of the company's rules against the use of intoxicants is imperative.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Broken Leg and Bad Scalp Wound Injuries of Unfortunates

James Haney aged 25 years of Scottdale was brought to the Cottage hospital on Tuesday suffering with a broken leg which he received from a fall on the streets of Scottdale. The accident will incapacitate him for several weeks.

Samuel Consor of Pittsburg 2_ and single fell from a train at Confluence Tuesday and was brought to the hospital. He has a bad scalp wound.

RATE CASE POSTPONED

Attorneys on Both Sides Agree to a Postponement of the Case

UNIONTOWN Jan 30—The case of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company vs Fayette county by agreement of counsel on both sides was held over this morning. It was was agreeable to allow the case to go over until further decision affecting the law was handed down.

KILL EVERY ONE.

National Crusade Against Dandruff Germs Now Being Waged by Prof Giroux

The dandruff germ is the greatest American pest of today declares Prof Giroux the great French scientist and student of diseases of the hair.

In a recent interview in Paris Prof Giroux said: If the germs of the dandruff are not soon annihilated the United States will some day be known as the hairless nation.

The Americans must wage a relentless war of extermination at once and I am going to help them.

My recipe for killing dandruff germs well known throughout France as Parisian Sage is now being manufactured in the United States.

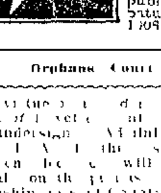
There is only one way to cure dandruff and that is to kill the dandruff germs.

There is only one preparation that will kill the germ and that is Parisian Sage.

Parisian Sage (the original prescription of Prof Giroux) is now manufactured in Buffalo N Y by the Giroux Mfg Co and agencies have been established in every town in America.

You take no risk in buying a bottle of Parisian Sage of A A Clarke the agent in this city and he will guarantee Parisian Sage to cure dandruff stop falling hair remove all diseases of the scalp or money back.

Parisian Sage is the most marvelous hair dressing and once it makes the hair beautiful soft and luxurious in one week. It causes the hair to grow if the hair root be not altogether dead. The price is only 50 cents a bottle. 10



Orphans Court Sale

By virtue of an order of the Orphans Court of Fayette county the undersigned Administrators ____ will offer at public sale on the premises in Springhill township Fayette County on Saturday February ____ at ____ o'clock ____ the following described real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Springhill Township Fayette County Pennsylvania more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone in Black Run corner of land of Charles L Channing thence by land of said Channing S ____ to Black Oak thence S 7_ ____ 40 perches to Beech thence S ____ W ____ perches to Jones Run thence by land of Crutchfield ____

[illegible]

C K FROOKS
Administrator ____

Administrator's Notice

ESTATE OF MRS JANE M ____ [illegible]
____ JOHN A MCKESSON Administrator ____ Connellsville ____

Executrix's Notice

McDonald & Gray Attys.
ESTATE OF JOHN LIPPINCOTT ____ [illegible]
MARY LIPPINCOTT Executrix ____

Administrator's Notice

McDonald & Gray Atty.
ESTATE OF JOHN WALKER DECEASED ____ [illegible]
ROBERT H WRIGHT Administrator ____ Dawson P____

Administrator's Notice

McDonald & Gray Attys.
ESTATE OF SARAH M WORK DECEASED Letters of Administration on the Estate of Sarah M Work late of ____ [illegible] JOHN H WORK Administrator ____

Executor's Notice

Carr & Lint Attys.
ESTATE OF DANIEL BARNHART deceased. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Daniel Barnhart late of ____ [illegible] JOHN WORK Executor ____

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A BIG DANCE OF FOREIGNERS ENDS IN FIGHT AND SHOOTING.

Dutch Pollock of Vanderbilt Punctured in the Hand and Groin in an Encounter in New Haven.

A FIERCE ROW IN STREETS

Trouble Started at the Slavish Hall Where a Large Crowd of Foreigners Were Assembled and Spread Out Over New Haven—One Arrested

A fierce fight between foreigners occurred in New Haven Tuesday morning about 4 o'clock in which Albert Pollock, a beer agent of Vanderbilt was wounded in the groin and in the hand. Only one of the participants, Mike Royal, was locked up and he was captured after a chase of the officers. Officer John Lowe finally rounding him up in Connellsville.

The trouble started in the Slavish hall and spread from there down Main street as far as the New Haven National bank. There were many fights all this distance between the two factions and witnesses say that a number of the foreigners were knocked down and severely beaten. Officer Joseph O'Bryon was off duty at the time, his time being up about o'clock and there were no police about. Several calls were sent to Connellsville and Officer Lowe responded. This was some time after the fighting and the participants in the fracas had spread out over town. The foreigners saw the officer on his way and scattered in all directions.

Royal was seen to strike a man down in front of the New Haven National bank and run. After chasing him about in New Haven he was finally driven to Connellsville where he was captured. All the balance of the fighters escaped.

Pollock's injuries were not serious. He waited about New Haven until the first car left for Vanderbilt and went to his home this morning. The officers have the names of a number of men engaged in the riot and warrants will be served upon them today.

A charge of carrying concealed weapons has been made against Royal, a pair of steel knuckles having been found upon his person.

LARGE FUNERAL.

Impressive Services at Catholic Church for Late Mrs Jennie Lang Soisson Tuesday Morning

Requiem high mass was celebrated Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church over the remains of the late Mrs. Jennie Lang Soisson, wife of William F Soisson. Rev Father John T Burns assisted by his assistant Rev Father Quilter and Rev Father Denner the latter of Scottdale were the celebrants. The funeral was one of the largest held here for some time. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the deceased who had assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased. The floral tributes were numerous and very handsome. The pallbearers were P J Ralston J J Harrigan W H Soisson J M Doyle John Duggan J J Driscol James R Cray and P J Locke the latter of Uniontown. Interment in St Joseph's cemetery.

Among the out of town persons who attended the services were Mrs John Gilligan and Mrs F J Stader of Latrobe Mr and Mrs William Clydesdale of Pittsburg Mrs James R Cray and Mrs P J Locke of Uniontown Miss Margaret Doonin of Dunbar Mr and Mrs Robert Lang Jr of Buckhannon W Va Mr and Mrs Thomas Lang of Lemont station and William Lang of Vandergrift.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

Of Company D Will be Held in the New Armory February 27—Brigade Inspection in March

Captain J H Simpson of Company D N G P has issued an order for the annual inspection of the company which will be held Thursday evening February 27. The inspection by the Brigade Inspector and Regular Army Inspector will be held Wednesday evening March 18.

The inspections will be held in the New Armory as it is expected that it will be completed by that time. Every member of the company must be present, absentees being subject to court martial and severe punishment.

Captain Simpson calls attention to the fact that drills, during the past winter have been held under difficulties owing to the limited room of the present quarters. Owing to this some especially hard work will have to be done by the members of the company to be in first class condition for the inspection. About men are needed to have the company reach the full strength of the company.

The following appointments of non commissioned officers is announced: Private Arthur M Cummons to be a Corporal, Private Haynes McFarland to be a Corporal, Private David F Nez to be an artificer.

Licensed to Wed

Harry R Hamilton of Scottdale and Miss Marietta Rhodes of Sharpsburg were granted a marriage license in Pittsburg Saturday.

WEST PENN WORK

New Electric Lines Down the Yough Are Being Rushed

The West Penn Electric Company which laid off quite a number of men last fall after the business depression set in has again resumed construction work with a full force. The company anticipated that business conditions would be such that the receipts of the company would fall off materially but in this they were agreeably disappointed. There seemed to be no falling off. On the other hand business showed a tendency to increase and the company at once restored their working force in full.

At present work is being pushed on the erection of the line between Elizabeth and Boston on the Youghiogheny which when completed will give the company a complete circuit connecting up the towns in southwestern Pennsylvania in which the company gives service.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Blast Along Baltimore & Ohio Affects Electric Power and Light in Many Towns

A peculiar accident at the power house of the West Penn Railways Company Tuesday afternoon interrupted car service on the West Penn lines for half an hour and knocked the lighting and power circuits out of commission for more than two hours. The effect of the accidents was felt as far as California Pa and every town from Connellsville south was affected while points in Westmoreland county were also inconvenienced.

The accident happened about 1:30 o'clock. General Manager George R Folds, Superintendent of Lighting Conklin and Engineer Lawrence were just about to make a visit to the power house when they were stopped by an Italian who was firing a blast along the new construction of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. The blast was a powerful one and when it exploded it threw an immense pile of rock and dirt high into the air. The mass landed on the high tension wires and brought them crashing down upon the railway circuit and the instant that they touched did the damage. Every rotary converter in the sub stations was burned out by the sudden and powerful current generated from the high tension wire. The substations were quickly repaired and traffic only interrupted half an hour but the lighting end required much longer. The blast cut off the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph wires. The damage to the machinery by the accident was not great but the serious delay caused considerable annoyance in many towns.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

Joseph K Brown of Connellsville and Mrs Elizabeth Shapter of Columbus O

A handsomely appointed home wedding was that of Mrs Elizabeth Shapter of Columbus O and Joseph K Brown of this place which was solemnized Thursday afternoon January 16 at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride on Souder avenue Columbus O. Rev Nicholas Helfrick pastor of the West Broad street Presbyterian Church officiated. The bride was unattended and wore a handsome gown of white Persian lawn with valenciennes trimmings made princess and carried a shower boquet of bride's roses.

As the bridal party entered the parlor where the ceremony was performed Lohengrin's wedding march was softly rendered by Miss Katherine Oxley. The house was artistically decorated with palms and ferns and the ceremony was witnessed by a number of friends of the bride and groom. Mrs Brown is a well known club woman and an ardent worker in several philanthropic organizations. She is a charter member of the Female Benevolent Association and an active worker in the Bay View Reading Club, a prominent worker in the West Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Mr Brown has been located in Connellsville for the past several years. He was an active Y M C A worker and is well known in musical circles. Mr Brown returned to Connellsville yesterday and will return to Columbus O the latter part of the week where he and his bride will reside on Souder avenue.

DECISION FOR PLAINTIFF

In the Gas Engine Case on Trial at Uniontown

UNIONTOWN Jan 27—A verdict was ordered for the plaintiff this morning by Judge Van Swearingen in the case of the Motor Gas Engine Company against D J Johnson and Sample and Marshall which was an action in replevin.

The point was brought that a foreign company could not do business in the state without having an agent or offices in it. After considerable argument the decision as stated above was made by the court.

CHAS. KIMMEL DEAD.

Well Known Young Man Expires at Somerset County Home

Charles Kimmel aged about 26 years died Sunday night at his late residence at New Lexington Somerset county after a lingering illness. Death was due to tuberculosis. Funeral Wednesday afternoon from the family residence.

Deceased was well known here and for three years was clerk in the carpet department of L Dunn's store. About two years ago he resigned his position and went to his home at New Lexington owing to ill health. He was a member of the local order of the Wilbur McKinley Lodge of Odd Fellows. His mother Mrs Mary Kimmel and two brothers and two sisters survive. His father died several years ago.

PECULIAR INJURY.

Knife Slipped While Caleb Grimes Was Whittling and He Stabbed Himself Near Heart

WAYNESBURG Jan 29—A very peculiar accident befell Caleb Grimes aged 21 years of Lippincott a few days ago. Young Grimes had gone to the blacksmith shop of William Cowell and having a very sharp pen knife was demonstrating its qualities on a whittable piece of wood. One end of the stick was held in the left hand while the other end pressed against his left breast. The stick slipped from his hand letting the knife go with considerable force against his body. The keen blade penetrated the breast over the heart making a dangerous wound. The young man fell unconscious from where he was sitting while blood gushed from the wound.

Dr Shipnack of Jefferson was at once called and gave the injured man all possible assistance. He suffers much pain and is in a very serious condition. The point of the blade nearly touched the heart. It cannot be stated how serious the injury is until later.

STRICKLER WILL.

Valuable Estate in Lower Tyrone Township Divided Among the Children

UNIONTOWN Jan —The will of the late Daniel F Strickler of Lower Tyrone township was probated this morning. All of the personal property is left to the widow Mrs Sophia Strickler. The real estate is also given to her for five years after the death of her husband.

Out of the first money coming from the estate $ 0 is to be paid to Mrs Harriet Highbee. The balance of the estate is to be divided equally among 11 children. When the division is made $300 is to be charged against the sons Winfield and James and daughter Sarah J Callatin $200 against Martha Strickler and $100 against Malinda Strickler. The will was made in September 1907 and is witnessed by H A Crow and L C Higbee.

FOUND TRUE REMEDY.

A A Clarke is Sure Mi-o-na Will Cure All Stomach Troubles

The incalculable amount of good that Mi-o-na Stomach tablets are doing in Connellsville in making sick and even despairing people well should compel the attention of every judicious person who is out of health with stomach troubles.

The underlying cause of nervous debility, headaches, sleeplessness and melancholy is faulty nutrition the result of a weakened stomach and inactive bowels.

So long as the stomach is weak the tissues cannot assimilate proper nourishment no matter how much food is eaten. Mi-o-na increases the strength and activity of the muscular walls of the stomach regulates the bowels and makes the blood capable of conveying nutriment to all the vital organs.

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A 50 cent box of Mi-o-na lasts a couple of weeks and will ward off a dozen attacks of indigestion and bring the weak stomach into a state of strength and good health. 14

FOUR HUNDRED SIGNERS

Uniontown People Petition for the Pardon of Caleb Powers

UNIONTOWN Jan 28—J H Moore private secretary to Caleb Powers yesterday sent off a petition of 400 signers for the pardon of Powers and today started another petition.

He says that millions of names will be collected all over the country and presented to the Governor of Kentucky for Powers' release.

Verdict Against Cooper

The jury in the Murphy Cooper damage case returned Saturday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for $2 100. A number of ballots were taken before they could get together. Some favored awarding much heavier damage while others favored a much smaller amount.

STIRRING INTEREST IN BIG GATHERING.

Y. M. C. A Convention Committees Hold Enthusiastic Meeting

BENEFIT THE TOWN WILL DERIVE

Between 400 and 600 Delegates Will Be Here in February from All Over the State—Knights of Pythias Convention Will Follow

An enthusiastic meeting of the various committees having in hand the arrangements for the Pennsylvania State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association in Connellsville on February 20-23 was held Monday evening in the Auditorium of the Y M C A building. All committees were fully represented. After a thorough discussion of the plans to be carried out the various committees organized and outlined their respective duties.

From this date the work will be vigorously pushed. The list of committee members published a few days ago will be increased as opportunity offers and the work progresses.

It will be no small undertaking to provide adequate accommodations and entertainment for from 400 to 600 delegates. The entertainment committee is charged with the duty of providing lodgings and meals. The latter will be paid for by the delegates. It is expected that there is a sufficient number of homes in Connellsville and New Haven who can take one or more lodgers for four nights without overtaxing the hotels. Lodging will be furnished free to delegates.

The finance committee at its meeting Monday night decided to raise the sum of $600 for defraying the expenses. This sum will be required to meet the expenses of advertising the convention, renting halls and other meeting places and other items incident to an undertaking of this magnitude and scope.

There are 60 Y M C A organizations in Pennsylvania. Each of these will probably be represented by one or more delegates. In addition to these it is expected that hundreds of people throughout Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset, Washington and other surrounding counties will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the meetings. The list of speakers includes men of prominence from various states and Canada. Some of these like H J Heinz of Pittsburg are familiar figures on the platform of Western Pennsylvania. Others who are less known in this region will deliver equally interesting addresses on their lines.

Aside from the intellectual moral or religious interest in the meetings Connellsville will benefit commercially and industrially by the presence of so large a number of delegates from every county in the State. These men are desirable people to have visit us. They represent all branches of trade and commerce. They have heard of Connellsville coke and Connellsville but naturally have no definite knowledge of this community. It is up to the people to extend such a welcome and to so impress them that the greatest benefit may accrue to the town. The Knights of Pythias convention will follow in a few months.

The Merchants Association being quick to recognize an opportunity of advancing the town's commercial interests some months ago joined with the local Y M C A organization in extending the invitation for this convention. The business men are active in their co-operation to make the event a success. Those who can supply lodging to the delegates should be heard from at once. Those who are willing to supply meals ought also have their applications on file. Those who have not cards for the entertainment of delegates will be called up on this week by solicitors for their reports.

GREENE IS NAMED

Chief in Register and Recorder's Office Lands Postoffice Plum in Uniontown

WASHINGTON Jan 28—Representative A L Cooper has settled the contest over the postmastership at Uniontown by recommending the appointment of William F Greene who has been for 1 years chief clerk in the Register and Recorder's office there.

There were two other candidates for the place and the contest has been quite warm. The term of the present postmaster J J Milcomb expired on December 17. The postoffice at Gray's Landing Greene county was ordered discontinued some time ago but on the application of Mr Cooper it has been re-established. It is necessary to be in the Fayette county side with M S Simpson as postmaster.

CREWS LAID OFF

Over 125 Firemen on Pittsburg Division Indefinitely Suspended

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has reduced its force of trainmen and locomotive engineers. 1 firemen having on Monday been indefinitely suspended on the Pittsburg division while 69 engineers were put back to firing.

A number of the Youngwood men are affected by the change.

CORN ON TRACK.

Gave Rise to the Rumor That Thieves Had Greased Rails

Captain W A Metzler of the Baltimore & Ohio force investigated the report of robbers holding up a B & O freight train on Benford tunnel near Confluence Sunday night and found that no attempt had been made to hold up the train although the circumstances were rather peculiar.

Captain Metzler says that a carload of corn was hauled over the road just previous to Train No 98's time and that a great deal of the corn had sifted out and gotten on the rails. When Train No 98 came along it struck the corn on the rails and stalled. The trainmen immediately supposed that the rails had been greased in order that an attack might be made upon the freight. No 98 is a fast freight and always carries valuable goods. No effort was made to rob the train.

HANGED HERSELF.

Second Attempt of Mrs Malinda Moser to Commit Suicide Was Successful

Miss Malinda Moser who attempted to kill herself about two months ago by drowning made a second attempt at her home at Jimtown near Lauchance on Saturday night. Miss Moser lived at the home of Mrs William Moser her brother's widow. When Miss Moser did not appear for breakfast Sunday morning Mrs Moser went to her room and not finding her there began a search around the premises. She came upon Miss Moser's lifeless body hanging from one of the rafters. The suicide had placed a wheelbarrow under one of the rafters of the stable and standing on this tied a clothes line to it placing the other end around her neck. Then she stepped off the wheelbarrow. Deputy Coroner Hibbs was notified. He stated that life had been extinct for several hours.

When Miss Moser made an attempt upon her life a month ago she made a rope from a mosquito bar and tieing it to the limb of a tree which extended out over the creek jumped from the bank. The rope failed to sustain her and she fell into the water being rescued just in time to save her life.

Miss Moser's brother was killed about a year ago on the railroad. She formerly made her home in Uniontown.

SHOT IN ARM.

Frank Sanner's Gun Slipped Through Bridge and Was Exploded by Trigger Striking Tie

Frank Sanner a lumberman of Indian Creek shot himself in the arm Friday with a shot gun and had it not been for the presence of Dr A J Colborn at that place he would in all probability have bled to death. Sanner was standing on the railroad bridge talking and had the butt of his gun resting on a tie.

The gun slipped from the tie and the trigger struck the edge of the tie exploding it. The entire load of shot entered the arm at the wrist and plowed a furrow to his elbow, the shot scattering between the bones. Dr Colborn who was attending some patients in the neighborhood happened along a few minutes after the accident. The arm was bleeding furiously and the flow of blood was stopped. Sanner was brought to the Cottage State hospital on the morning accommodation.

OIL LINE BURST

Causing It to Melt Ice and Catching Game Warden and Prisoner in Terrific Flow

UNIONTOWN Jan 28—Frank Morris of Greene county was arrested yesterday by Assistant Game Warden Warden M P Maitland and State Policeman Frank Peel on a charge of violating the fish law and this morning paid a fine of $50 before Squire Boyle. The three men had a frightful experience in crossing the Monongahela having been caught in a terrific ice flow. After three hours hard work they succeeded in reaching the Fayette county bank.

A big oil line on the upper Monongahela river burst covering the territory with oil which flowed out on the ice. It became ignited in some manner and quickly thawed the ice bringing it crashing down the river.

B & O RATES

Passenger Fare Will Be Boosted as Result of Two Cent Decision

Through passenger rates over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Pittsburg to points in the East will be advanced as a result of the decision of the Supreme Court regarding the two cent a mile passenger fare law. Although the court decision affects only the Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburg it is directly responsible for the advance in passenger rates on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Passenger officials are now working on new rate sheets and the proposed changes probably will become effective February 1 the date on which the Pennsylvania will restore its former rates.

Gets Pension of $15

William P Frazelle of Connellsville through Congressman A L Cooper has been granted a pension of $15 a month.

Business Directory of The Connellsville Courier.

CONNELLSVILLE

Art Store

SEE THE NEW 99 FISHER AND Christy pictures ... C HALL Y M C A Building.

American and Italian Bakery

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Bakery

TEMPLETON'S BAKERY MAIN STREET AND SOUTH PITTSBURG STREET ... Templeton's Twentieth Century Bread ... cakes and pies. Wholesale and retail.

Bottler

COUGHENOUR & CO MAIN ST Wholesale and retail dealers in soft drinks of all kinds.

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LICHLINER SMUTZ NEW HAVEN ... shirt waists ... and ruffled ... Sole agents for Daisy Brand flour.

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Author of "Tillie, A Mennonite Maid."

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"Anything more that's done for it, Georgiana, will have to be a passive process. I refuse to co operate I've monkeyed with myself long enough trying to 'develop' my latent possibilities.' Anything further in that line has got to be accomplished through a process of absorption by means of my contact with you and uncle Meantime I'm going to sit in the market, Eunice—the matrimonial market of course I'm down to the highest bidder"

"Daisy," Georgiana pleaded with her, "if contact with me has given you no higher ideal than that —"

'Oh, it's easy for you to talk Georgie!" Daisy retorted plaintively 'Your market is made"

"What do you mean Daisy?"

"You're as good as engaged already to Dr Kinross"

Eunice had a sensation as though the earth were suddenly floating out from under her What did it mean Daisy speaking of Dr Kinross? Was his disguise a pretense and did these girls know him otherwise than as Pete? What was this which Daisy had said, "You are as good as engaged to Dr Kinross" And he had told her that he loved Georgiana Eunice felt herself floating amid clouds of illusion.

Georgiana laughed and looked rather pleased. "I'm afraid your assumptions are quite gratuitous my dear"

"Well, at least there isn't the least doubt as to what his feelings will be" Daisy predicted 'You'll do him brown! He won't be able to help himself no matter how much he'd like to be a misogynist or whatever you call em"

"I'm not so sure Georgiana protested, but she laid her hand affectionately on Daisy's arm

"But you may be sure Eunice spoke with a half gasp and almost without volition He does love you"

"What?" Daisy turned upon her

"Yes, Dr Kinross does love her'

Eunice's voice sounded hollow to herself She was dazed There was a dull dead weight upon her heart an undefined but keen sense of loss and pain Dr Kinross and Georgiana were as good as engaged'

'He says he loves you she repeated mechanically

There was a sob in her throat that ached intolerably She felt an imperative need to get away by herself She suddenly sprang up and before the other two girls could collect themselves she was gone

For an instant surprise held both of them silent.

'She's a little bit off the top declared Daisy

What could she have meant wondered Georgiana

'I can't get board' said Daisy I don't think she knew herself I always did think that girl acted as if she had wheels!"

"If Pete were still here I would ask him what he knows about her She is singular' Georgiana agreed But what could she have meant'

'She never saw Kinross and Kinross never saw you She was talking through her hat'

'Of course Georgiana agreed reluctantly It would be so much more interesting if Daisy's conclusion were not so inevitable—if Eunice had not been "talking through her hat.

Meantime Eunice alone in the "haunted' chamber seated on the side of the bed and staring with unseeing eyes into the darkness of the room groped in a greater darkness of soul as she tried in her blind ignorance of life to understand her own great desolation

Engaged to be married! What did marriage mean to men like him She had an unhappy knowledge of what it meant to such as Abe and the other countrymen about here But to a man like Dr Kinross a man with an intellect and a soul as well as a body would not marriage mean something different to such as he

Suddenly a hot wave of realization swept over her Some burning lines of Browning came to her mind

Be a god—and hold me with your charm.
Be a man—and hold me with your arm

Eunice sank down upon the bed and buried her face deep in the pillow To her trembling heart only one thing was clear That which in the days just past had made the sun in the heavens shine for her as it had never shone before that was over He belonged to another What had he to do with her or she with him? She was alone—utterly and absolutely alone

CHAPTER XXIII

AT 5 o'clock in the afternoon two days later Kinross was once more with the assembled Morningstars in the farm kitchen, the entire family including Eunice, being present at the important interview he was having with them

The withdrawal of Georgiana's all pervading presence from the farm had made the family seem to Kinross on his return quite shrunken and small

He had wondered how after his few days absence and his fresh contact with the world Eunice would appear to him from the point of view of his own and her aunt's world and it seemed to him now as he looked at her sitting opposite him at the kitchen table that she was even more detached from her environment than he had at first thought her and far more akin to his own and her aunt's sphere of life than that of the farm—to which indeed, she seemed entirely alien.

He fancied today that the habitual melancholy of her eyes was intensified But surely the great news he had for her would quickly dissipate it and the original pale drab of her existence change to rosy hues—perhaps alas, to lurid ones—for in his heart he felt not a little misgiving as to the possibly baneful effect of her seeming good fortune.

Before returning he had sent a message ahead of him to Mr Morningstar, warning him to be ready against his arrival to pay over to Eunice immediately the sum of $3 000 or be prepared to accept the consequences

The effect of this communication had been to lead the Morningstars to urge upon Eunice once more the suit of Abe but neither their persuasions nor their anger had succeeded in moving her

On his arrival he had of course insisted upon seeing Eunice alone But he had met with such violent opposition to this from both Mr and Mrs Morningstar that even the girl herself drew back unwilling to brave the storm that would follow her open defiance He saw that part at least of what he had to tell her of her affairs would have to be told in the presence of the family Surely the news would make her able to throw off the last vestige of her yoke

So first, he had forced Morningstar under the lash of his threats to sign in a cold perspiration of horror the draft for $3 000 (which in fact represented at least a fourth of his possessions) and pass it over to the bewildered Eunice

Now Mr Morningstar' he began when this transaction had been completed (leaving the farmer utterly shaken out of his orbit I have a piece of news for you and your wife and for Eunice

Eunice's face was pale and her eyes intent upon his face were burning bright. He wished that he had the power to read all her thoughts unique young creature that she was It was distasteful even painful to have to break his news to her in the presence of these people who indeed seemed her natural enemies but it was apparently unavoidable

What's your news Mrs Morningstar curtly demanded her curiosity getting the better of her rage against him and her husband too bitter as was his chagrin looked up keenly suspicious of further calamity

When I spent the night in the haunted room I made some discoveries I found out as you know about the $4 000 belonging to Eunice I found out also some other things

He paused an instant They all waited breathlessly

The man and woman who left Eunice here were not her parents

Now explain! Mrs Morningstar you ain't tellin us that!'

Och my souls [illegible] Ollie For evermore

Kin you prove it? demanded Mr Morningstar sullenly

What did they do with havin her then along with em cried Mrs Morningstar

[illegible] had stolen her from her home

[illegible] I never [illegible] Mrs Morningstar her eyes bulging

I had wished to talk to Eunice of this and other details alone But as you made this impossible I'll give you the bare facts now after which he added in a tone of authority Eunice will come with me to hear in private what concerns no one but herself

The Morningstars stirred resentfully, but no one answered

Her father Kinross went on was W W Wolcott of New York He was a man of large means Eunice was his only child Her aunt Miss Wolcott of Washington who believed her to be dead has meantime had possession of the fortune rightfully belonging to Eunice She is ready now to make restitution

Kin you prove it Abe here repeated his father's demand

How did you find it out asked Morningstar

Haunted rooms reveal secrets' Kinross answered with a solemnity that made the family shudder to a man

How much is comin to her? inquired Abe covetously

A very great fortune

While the family gaped speechless he rose from the table and moved around to Eunice's side

Miss Wolcott he said holding out his hand 'I congratulate you

It took the Morningstars a long time to grasp it, and Eunice herself seemed dazed by it. She had not the least conception of what a great fortune meant Kinross found her childlike acceptance of the stupendous fact both refreshing and amusing

It required a vast deal of explaining before he could make them all even begin to understand the discovery he had made Mr and Mrs Morningstar were loud in their comments and questions Even Ollie overcame her habitual [illegible]ness before him and became articulate Only Eunice had nothing to say as she sat motionless with her eyes fixed upon his face when again he took his chair opposite her

Now just to think heavily breathed Mrs Morningstar 'Who'd a thunk it?

Och it minds me of that there story of Cinderella ain't' Ollie appealed to Kinross taking courage under the excitement of the occasion to display her knowledge of literature

"Now, see what you done me, mom," exclaimed Abe bitterly, "with your always jawin Eunice for makin' up to me! See what you cheated me out of! If you'd of left us be, look at what I'd be comin into"!

'Yes anyhow!" Mr Morningstar also bitterly reproached his wife

But Mrs Morningstar turned on the latter resentfully "Just as if you wasn't always agin it as much as me!

I only thought they oughtn't to engage to marry till they was sure oncet' he declared

'Well if you ain't — But she checked herself judiciously That's all I meant, too!' she also declared turning appealingly to Eunice

But the girl did not reply Mrs Morningstar sighed heavily

But look a here suddenly cried Mr Morningstar 'It'll spite that there aunt somepin turrible to have to give up the money after her havin it all this time and thinkin it's hern

'I guess too agreed his wife

Eunice glanced an inquiry at Kinross Will it leave my aunt poor?'

Comparatively Not what you have been accustomed to call poor'

The girl looked thoughtful but said no more

'Under these circumstances Mr Morningstar Kinross continued you understand you will of course have to part with Eunice'

Mrs Morningstar started as if dodging a blow

Would this man never have done tormenting and robbing them?

You think you're a goin to take her away do you? she exclaimed fiercely

Why he smiled 'even you could scarcely expect her to remain here now

I ain't leavin her go she stoutly maintained evidently not yet realizing at all the significance of what she had heard

Kinross drew a purse from his pocket and taking out some bills laid them before Eunice Your aunt gave me this money to give to you for your expenses until you join her in New York

The girl's eyes opened wide "I am to go to my aunt she breathlessly asked 'My aunt! It seems so strange she said her face flushing a quiver in her voice that revealed pitifully her lifelong loneliness to feel that there is some one in the world belonging to me

Your aunt expects to send her secretary Mrs Kenyon a widow down here for you next week to take you back with her to New York This money she instructed me to tell you you can use in getting yourself something for your journey with the help of Mrs Kenyon When you are with your aunt she will do everything in the world for your welfare I know'

Eunice cried Abe starting up you ain't a goin away to stay away—ain't not you ain't he pleaded Och Eunice if you'd say yes to me I'd leave you here the washin with the money wot your pop inherited to you and I'd leave you spend at the cloes all you wanted and we'd go a good bit too to circuses and county fairs and even to the roof garden in town We could afford to with your havin such a lot yet Why I guess we could afford most anything! Won't you say yes to me

Eunice slowly turned her eyes upon him Say yes to you now with freedom—freedom just at my hand Marry you and remain a bond slave with my heart still crying out as it has done all my life Who will deliver me from the body of this death The [illegible] to you when liberty and the wide world lie before me? Oh Abe the [illegible] if he thought of marrying you was horrible to me while I was under your mother's and father's tyranny how must I look to me now that I am free—free to live to be myself to find [illegible] my mind and soul with all the [illegible] of the world Marry you Abe! A little rippling laugh [illegible] from her lips Kinross felt his brain beat with the shock of the joy that suddenly surged up in his heart at the revelation of her words while he mentally pronounced himself an ass for his stupidity in not having realized the impossibility of her caring for Abe

Tyranny exclaimed Mr Morningstar taking up her words while Abe looked dazed After all me and mom done fur you—and our son even want in to marry you and us mean it—and givin you back your $3 000 —

The draft for that money was in her hand She suddenly broke in upon his speech by holding it out to him

Take it back I know how you have suffered in having it forced from you And I don't need it Take it as payment for my board during the remainder of my stay here

Mr Morningstar almost pounced upon it while his small eyes gleamed

That ain't no more n right seem you don't need it and me I couldn't rightly spare it He glanced triumphantly at Kinross 'You thought you was wonderful smart ain't gittin this here money off of me? But I got ahead of you that there time

Kinross gave a short laugh I'm satisfied with my work he said

Eunice you ain't goin to act so ungrateful as to leave right in the middle of cannin season exclaimed Mrs Morningstar with a momentary return to her habitual asperity toward the girl You could put off goin to your aunt till a couple weeks already anyhow How is me and Ollie gonna get through all without you? And mebbe if you stayed on a couple of wee s you'd come to see it some different about Abe too

Just as soon as the lady whom my aunt is sending for me can take me away I shall go

Well if you don't call that actin mean—right in the middle of cannin the tomats too yet!

'Och mom you talk dumm!' said her husband with a disgusted turning of his back on her and flinging his words behind him at her With a fortune waitin fur her at New York over what would she do with stoppin to help with our cannin the tomats? She kin afford to buy canned tomats out of the grocery stores and won't have to bother no more with puttin' up I know what a big fortune means to a person if you don't I knowed a man out west was worth worse'n $30,000 yet

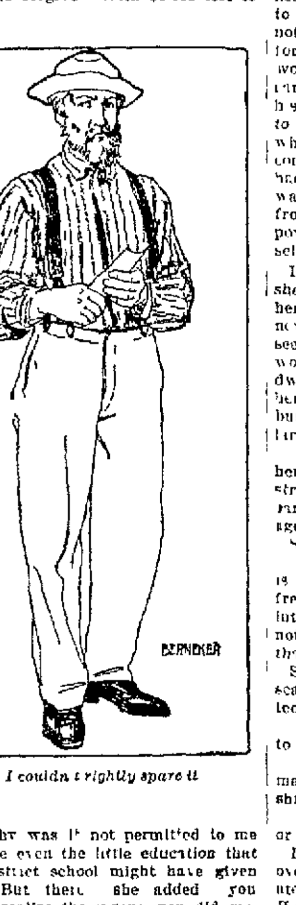
Again Mrs Morningstar sighed heavily Eunice she said changing her tone to motherly persuasiveness "you'll come to see us now and again ain't? You would like to come home where you was raised still, ain't you would?'

Eunice looked at her and shook her head almost shudderingly

"Never'

'Ain't you got no gratefulness?' Mrs Morningstar exclaimed in despair

But what" the girl asked gently have I to be grateful to you for? It seems to me I have much—very much more—to forgive With $4 000 left to



I couldn't rightly spare it

me why was it not permitted to me to have even the little education that the district school might have given me? But there she added you didn't realize the wrong you did me And it is all in the past and I have already turned my back upon my past

You're turnin your back on us now are you said Ollie darkly We ain't good enough fur you now are we since you've got so wonderful rich all [illegible] I guess you wouldn't even send me a new dress from town oncet in so often to pay fur all the old ones I gave you already'

Again that little ripple of laughter from Eunice Would you like me to send you my clothes [illegible] no more use for them Ollie she [illegible] with a touch of majesty in her voice and a bright color coming into her pale cheeks Why certainly I will

If you can't send me a new one now and again I don't want your old ones Ollie retorted

You may draw on me Ollie for all the silk dresses you can wear, Eunice said recklessly

Ollie's eyes sparkled Look it here Eunice do you mean that fur really

Upon Eunice reassuring her Ollie's look of complacency proclaimed her resignation to the turn events had taken since she herself was not altogether shut out from a share in them

Eunice will you come with me now Kinross asked again rising and feeling buoyant in the liberty which the new circumstances gave him to talk with her unrestrainedly and when and where they both would independently of the government which had made her so inaccessible I have some things to discuss with you'

Eunice rose at once the pensiveness of her countenance momentarily lifting as even his good news for her had not caused it to do

You haven't the dare to go there's supper to make interposed Mrs Morningstar from force of habit not realizing yet that her reign was over

Eunice walked to the door which Kinross was holding open for her

I am afraid you and Ollie will have to get on without me she said turning at the threshold I have paid my board you know for the rest of the time I shall be here—$3 000 up to the end of next week As a boarder of course you can't expect me to do any work

If you don't work you don't eat snapped Mr Morningstar viciously the family habit of browbeating the girl getting the better of his prudence for he knew of course that it was unwise to further offend one who had become so rich This here $3 000 ain't payin fur your board fur it ain't yourn to give—it was mine in the first place—extorted out of me by force So you just come on here and help mom git supper or you don't eat!

He emphasized his words by lifting his hand which held the draft and instantly the valuable strip of paper was drawn out of his fingers Kinross passed it on to Eunice

If I may offer a word of advice don't pay your board in advance Eunice Wait until you are ready to leave

Eunice smiling tucked the paper into the bosom of her calico gown and in the face of the blank and [illegible] consternation of the family the two walked away Kinross calling back over his shoulder Give us a good supper when we come in and we will pay accordingly Poor grub small pay We'll be back in an hour probably'

CHAPTER XXIV

THEY strolled about together in the nearby woodland in the late summer afternoon There was so much still that had to be gone over and explained yet Kinross found himself quite neglecting the prosaic details which ought to have been discussed and dwelling upon the far more absorbing theme of the girl herself leading her skillfully to those fascinating self revelations which she made with such childlike openness and which because of her refreshing and unique genuineness set her apart in his fancy from all the rest of her false artificial sex

Yet just now as she walked at his side there was a vague sense of disappointment in his heart His explanation given to her while they walked of her aunt's noble conduct in at once giving up the fortune to her without hesitation or protest and her readiness to return to comparative poverty did not bring the response he had hoped for—an offer to share with the elder woman her quite superfluous thousands He tried not to blame her in his heart for this but to attribute it to her ignorance both of money and of what the tie of blood mean All would come right he was sure when she had had a little experience of life (and it was a large life the sudden reaction from a life of self abnegation to one of power and luxury did not make her selfish

He was puzzled at the indifference she manifested when he tried to draw her into any talk of her prospective new life Not indifference only It seemed actually to make her sad One would suppose she would delight in dwelling upon the glories that awaited her Had she not exulted in her outburst to Abe her freedom to roam at large over all this scene of man

What is it he suddenly questioned her Does your heart fail you at the strangeness of it all But a girl that can brave a ghost ought to have courage to cope with mere mortals

She did not reply

Think of it he urged the world is before you with youth wealth freedom and (should he put the idea into her unspoiled mind?)— and you're not bad looking either Eunice and that means a lot to a woman

She lifted her drooping head and scanned him from head to foot He too was not bad looking

Does it mean more to a woman than to a man

It's everything to a woman A man—only so he hasn't a hump' he shrugged

Do you mean that's your opinion or only the opinion of the world

He smiled The mere words—as over a minister I fear you exaggerate the importance of my opinions Well I never seriously asked myself the question before but now that it's put to me yes I do think good looks essential to a woman Why natural y"

Essential? Essential to what

To her being interesting and attractive

There was George Eliot you know At least I suppose you know

Oh of course when a woman is a genius

The Greeks thought manly beauty—not the feminine the highest type

She was such a combination he inwardly smiled of ignorance and learning

Oh but the Greeks That was awhile back already as Pop Morningstar would say

Mere prettiness seems to me of little moment

It is That isn't what I mean But a woman must be interesting looking not [illegible] She must be pleasing

You mean in order to attract the male

He couldn't help it. He bent his head and laughed You think that of little moment? [illegible] he asked quickly [illegible] But he shrugged [illegible] it seems to be what they're all occupied in doing

Are they" she asked in the wistful way she had of appealing to him

It is pitiable I suppose But then he lifted his eyebrows what would you have them be a ?

Your Georgiana would prefer she told me the career of a student and a teacher rather than a domestic life

'My Georgiana?' he repeated in consternation Now why may I inquire do you call her mine?

You said you loved her she answered faintly her eyes on the ground

Oh! he nodded enlightened That frivolous remark of his had evidently given her much food for speculation Would he better tell her he'd only been fooling But she wouldn't understand or see the point (what was the point anyway) and somehow he felt an awkwardness in explaining to her that he had lied to her A more [illegible] less joke he had surely never perpetrated

Georgiana deceives herself he said Georgiana would like to be fallen in love with just like Ollie or any other girl You'll like it yourself some day Eunice See if you don't

You think Miss Ellery is all those things you admire—interesting looking not [illegible] pleasing

Don't you think she is

I think her beautiful and graceful

'Of course she is

Her head went a little lower as she walked at his side for a moment without speaking

Are you afraid of your future Eunice?' he persisted

A faint color came into her face One thing I am afraid of she softly answered Of a loneliness worse than I have ever known

That may be for a little while But it will pass You will find a companion in your aunt You will make friends too And after awhile inevitably there will be a lover or other lovers

You think my aunt will like me? she asked uncertainly

How can she help it?

You think I am then likeable

I like you

Oh she caught her breath do you?

He felt himself stirred by the soft thrill in her voice But in some respects he was the stupidest of even his stupid sex and he did not realize the emotion her words and tone expressed

And if I liked you he tried to encourage her You'll get on with other people I'm not considered a [illegible] So don't you fancy you're going to be lonely

But—shall I—ever see you

Surely He felt touched by her helpless childlike turning to him her first and only friend I often go to New York and Washington where your aunt spends her winters usually But he added a touch of pathos in his tone you will soon learn to get on without me though I seem so necessary to you now

She made no comment not even a polite protest

You afford me many pleasant surprises Eunice he suddenly remarked knocking some brambles from her pathway with his cane The gallantry justly true and unthinking with him but understandable to her only through books thrilled her in a way that would have amazed him if he had dreamed of it

Pleasant surprises? she repeated with timid questioning

You'll know I thought all along that you were in love with Abe

She did not answer at once as she walked with her eyes on the path before her

I was aware that you paid me that compliment she presently spoke in a low voice

For which I owe you an apology It was stupid of me And very unflattering to your taste I admit

The fact was he realized that his belief in her infatuation for Abe had been the only thing in his knowledge of her that had seemed to put her on a lower plane than the one on which as Miss Wolcott she would henceforth move The discovery of her aversion to the farmer's son had placed her at a bound at his side as his equal in every sense no longer an ignorant country damsel to be indulgently patronized by him and her aunt

Why didn't you tell me you despised the fellow?

It did not seem worth while explaining

Now you are complimentary! You did not care if I did think poorly of your taste?

She hesitated It is not that I did not care she faltered But what you couldn't see for yourself it didn't seem useful to tell you

It occurred to him to wonder whether her slightly unusual use of words which was a constant source of pleasure and amusement to him would annoy her aunt In his opinion when she lost it she would have lost one of her charms

Then you did care he asked

'Yes she said simply

Why

She turned to him with a little deprecating smile and gesture You dissect me so! As though you were a scientist and I a specimen Sometimes it seems to me cold blooded

And you don't like it

It is rather interesting to hear what you will be asking next and what the things are which you wish to find out"

It flatters the egotism of most women if a man asks them to talk about themselves

Are women more egotistic than men? Fonder of talking about themselves

She asked it so simply evidently seeking only to be instructed

What is your own idea about it? he asked

There it is again—dissecting me until I feel myself in shreds

They both laughed and he could not drag his eyes from the sweetness of her face when she smiled

Do you know she said amusingly I have often wondered when Abe has protested to me of his love and when I have read of it what it is like I have never loved any one There seems to be a distinction between love and affection Affection is said to be much milder I don't even know what it is to feel affection

The confession seemed almost appalling

Suddenly she stopped short in the path and looked at him All my life she said earnestly I have had a heart hunger that I have never understood—I did not know what it was I hungered and thirsted for and what the great waste places in my soul meant But now—I believe she hesitated a troubled light in her eyes as though she groped in dark confusion I believe I begin to understand This strange feeling I have had toward you—ever since you first came here—even before we had ever spoken together—I believe it is affection

Kinross gazed at her spellbound Was she not flirting?

You dear child he said taking her hand in his as though she were ten years old instead of twenty you like me And you find it a strange feeling

At times I have thought I must be mad I am thinking about you every minute I seem to have no other life save in the thought of you It is like a possession a frenzy The time while you were away was a midnight black [illegible] to me Nothing seems to me worth while except you Is this she asked her voice trembling affection?

The blood surged to Kinross face The girl loved him He was the first man who had crossed the path of her maidenhood and he had come to her as a friend and benefactor—almost as the fairy godmother and the result was inevitable Her fancy was fired and she was in love It would not be fair to take her seriously It was only a case of propinquity She would outgrow it as soon as she met other men and could form some standards of measurement and comparison One's first experiences of the divine fire did not last It was only a preparation for the more sane and reasonable love of comparative maturity

I am the first friend you ever had? he told her [illegible] naturally your feeling is intensified [illegible] all you are at present capable of is concentrated on one object

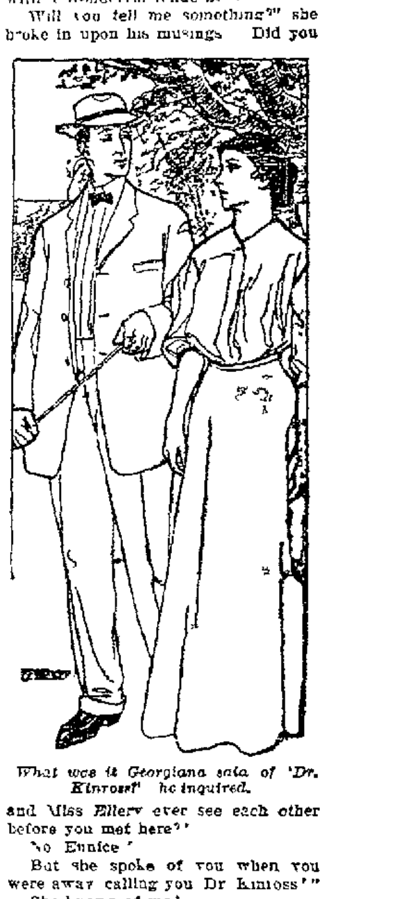
He felt the absurdity of his cold blooded analysis as his eyes met the fire of hers but he went on

Wait until you have learned to know your aunt and others and have met with more people who are kind to you and then not one person will so entirely fill your mind

They walked on in silence and thoughtfulness Kinross felt himself stirred to the depths of him and yet what his own feelings toward her might be he did not even stop to consider so accustomed he was to think of himself as invulnerable

This then was why she had so fastened upon his flippant declaration that he loved Georgiana Well better that she should think so The sooner would she get over this exaggerated state of feeling toward him though perhaps she must suffer a bit for a few weeks in the process poor little girl! His heart softened to her with a wonderful tenderness

Will you tell me something?" she broke in upon his musings Did you



What was it Georgiana said of 'Dr. Kinross?' he inquired.

and Miss Ellery ever see each other before you met here?'

No Eunice'

But she spoke of you when you were away calling you Dr Kinross'"

She knows of me'

Are you then a man of fame? she inquired with interest though her voice had a note of melancholy deeper than her habitual pensiveness

No outside the village in which I live Eunice

He saw that she was looking deeply perplexed

What was it Georgiana said of Dr Kinross He inquired not without a sneaking feeling that he was taking a mean advantage of Georgiana

Miss Parks in this picturesque way she has of speaking, said to Miss Ellery You will do him brown And You are as good as engaged to him But Miss Ellery seemed to have some doubts about it. She said I am not so sure

Her seriousness in repeating their absurdities was too much for Kinross—he grinned his enjoyment That was a mere figure of speech on Georgiana's part—she is quite confident of doing me brown

She seemed to have doubts But I—I reassured her —

Oh you did! What did you tell her, Eunice?'

That you had told me you loved her

He shouted a laugh 'You gave me away then—told them Pete was Dr Kinross

No I thought they must know it. I couldn't understand

What did Georgiana say when you told her I loved her?'

I didn't wait to hear I—I came away

Leaving them as puzzled no doubt as they left you he said growing sober with the realization of the pain in the white drawn face of the girl at his side How strong her feeling for him must be when it could so overshadow the great news he had brought her and the brilliant future before her! His brain swam for a moment as he felt all the fascination of her sweet maidenhood But he took himself in hand I won't undeceive her he said to himself I'll explain nothing Even if I were in love with her it wouldn't be fair to take advantage of her inexperience Let her think I'm engaged to Georgiana

He abruptly changed the subject and forced her to talk prosaically of her life with her aunt though his pulses were pounding with the excitement of his discovery in her naive baring of her heart

And so at length they strolled back to the farmhouse

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A Poor Prophet

Conan Doyle told of an experience which he had on leaving school His teacher must have been one of those noble old Romans such as Thackeray describes as roaring at young Pendennis when the major his uncle called to take the boy away When Conan Doyle had finished his course in school the master called him aside and after [illegible] him with [illegible] ominous dis[illegible] spoke to him [illegible] as follows Doyle I have known you now for seven years and I know you thoroughly I am [illegible] to say something which [illegible] you will remember in after life Doyle you will never come to any good —Bookman

A STORM OF FEARFUL FURY RAGED ALL OF FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Wind Blew 60 Mile an Hour Gale in Spells Driving Rain, Sleet and Snow With Force of Bullets.

ALL TRAFFIC GREATLY DELAYED

On the Street Railways and Railroads Up to Midnight and Early Saturday Morning—Drifts Ten Feet High in the Mountains—Telephones Were Out of Order—Many People Kept Awake All Night

The fiercest blizzard and snow storm since the famous one of the early nineties swept over Connellsville and Fayette county Friday night. The wind blew from the east at a 60 mile an hour gait. Pedestrians were swept from their feet or blown out of their course 50 to 100 yards. Windows in many residences were smashed by the force of the gale and hundreds of persons in town didn't sleep a wink until it subsided Saturday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock.

The storm began before 6 o'clock when the wind blew a two weeks accumulation of dust on the streets into clouds that went whirling up and down Main and Pittsburg streets and shot out of alleys with great velocity. The storm gradually increased in violence after 7 o'clock until it reached the acme of its fury between 10 and 1 o'clock. It was almost impossible to walk along the streets. Persons down town who lived on the South Side hired vehicles to take them home paying from 25 to 75 cents each for the trip.

The gale that blew down Main street carried dozens of people out onto Pittsburg street landing many of them sprawling or against telephone or light poles. Women's hats and muffs were wrested from their heads and hands and sent flying at the caprice of the storm in any direction. "The Dream of Fair Women" rehearsal and several church affairs were over just at the height of the storm. Many of the girls who ventured out where lifted from their feet and had to be rescued by escorts. No serious injuries were reported last night but this morning falls were frequent on the icy pavements.

The lighting service of the West Penn Electric Company suffered considerably and many towns in Fayette and Westmoreland county were in darkness. Connellsville and New Haven were practically the only two towns that had light and it sometimes threatened to go out. The wires were not blown down but many were short circuited by the snow and sleet. The high tension wires were also affected by the storm.

The trolley service was operated regularly until about 1 o'clock when heavy snow drifts caused a great deal of trouble but practically all travel over the road had ceased at this hour. An immense snow drift at Mt Braddock derailed a car there this morning and as the snow was too heavy for the sweeper to remove it a force of workmen were employed for several hours causing upwards of two hours delay in the operation of cars. Other snow drifts along the line between Connellsville and Uniontown had to be removed in a similar manner. The electric power was also cut off for several hours and cars northward could not be operated.

Telephone service was completely suspended between Uniontown and Connellsville. Of the nine wires operated by the two telephone companies between here and the County Seat not a single wire was in working order and telephone linemen were sent early in all directions. The mountain lines were badly damaged and the Pittsburg lines were not in good working order. Long distance Uniontown calls were made through Pittsburg from Connellsville today. The Tri-State Telephone Company had 200 telephones out of commission in town and the Bell a like number.

In outlying sections reports of many fences being carried away and small damage about barns and stables is reported. Snow was drifted 10 feet deep along the mountain roads in many places.

The heavy rains following the snow fall caused the Yough river to rise but the increasing cold weather of the day will in all probability prevent a flood.

Charged With Larceny

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Edward Hall and John Bruce have been committed to jail on a charge of larceny by Squire Ira Greer of Bridgeport. Edwin Tesdale is the prosecutor and alleges that the men stole a pay envelope belonging to him and containing $27.

Prominent Liveryman Dead

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—George Jenkins a prominent liveryman of Fairchance died this morning of pneumonia. He was 45 years old and a son of Benn Jenkins of Cheat Haven. His wife died about a year ago and there are no surviving children.

Manor Council Grants Franchise

The Manor Valley Railway Company a part of the system of the Pittsburg & Westmoreland got a franchise in Manor the other day. The franchise is exclusive only for 18 months and the company agrees to pay the borough $3,000.

THAW ACQUITTED

On the Grounds of Insanity and Goes to Insane Asylum

NEW YORK Feb 1—Harry K Thaw was this afternoon found not guilty of the murder of Stanford White but will be committed to the Matteawan Insane Asylum. The jury was out nearly 18 hours. How it stood has not been learned at this time or the number of ballots taken.

Harry Thaw and his wife Evelyn were much affected by that portion of the verdict providing for Thaw's commitment to Matteawan. Thaw had fought against this and frequently stated that he would rather go to the electric chair than to Matteawan.

The verdict was not unlooked for, however after District Attorney Jerome's summing up of the case and the charge of Justice Dowling to the jury yesterday.

COURT NEWS.

Matters Taken Up in Fayette Courts Last Week

UNIONTOWN Jan 28—A verdict was taken without trial this morning in favor of Col A D Boyd defendant against the Borough of Uniontown. This was for a strip of property taken to widen Lawn avenue. Viewers to assess damages were appointed by the court some time ago. I E H S S G Nixon Greenberry Crossland F O Miller and Henry Wiggins viewed the property and reported its valuation at $... This was unsatisfactory to both parties and they took appeals from it. The case was to come to trial this morning but the parties reached an amicable agreement Col Boyd accepting $2,800 in preference to trying the case.

Before Judge Umbel the case of Gus B Irvin against the Fairchance School Board is being heard. There is only $4 involved in the suit but the principle involved is of considerable importance. Fairchance has no High School and Irvin sent his two boys Fred and Max to the Uniontown High School. The tuition then was $3 per month. The law provides that where there is no High School children can be sent to a neighboring High School and the Board of the district shall pay the actual expenses. The bill was rendered to the Fairchance School Directors but they refused to pay it for the reason that they considered it entirely too high. There were many witnesses subpoenaed for the case.

In Judge Van Swearingen's court the case of the Model Gas Engine Works against Simple & Marshal and D J Johnson is being heard. This case was taken up yesterday but was dropped for a time. This is an action in replevin to recover $2,000 on a gas engine installed in the Exchange Hotel. The company installed the engine which did not prove satisfactory and later exploded killing a man.

Binding instructions were given by the court to return a verdict in favor of the defendant in the case of the Pittsburg Heating Company against Thomas H Thompson and the Carroll Lumber Company. A large house was constructed by the defendants at Bridgeport and the heating company had the contract for heating. They installed apparatus in excess of the contract amounting to $358 according to their claim. The defendants alleged that the lien was not filed within the prescribed period of three months after the goods had been delivered.

These are the last cases that will be heard at this term. Judge Umbel announced that on Thursday the equity list will be called over and that after this the argument list will be taken up. All cases will be argued with the exception of the audit case against John R Byrne which will go over until February 10.

Miss Rose Dunston of Connellsville has entered suit for $20,000 damages against the West Penn Railways through her attorney S R Goldsmith. She alleges personal injuries received December 18 1907 when she was walking along the pavement in front of Henry Rhodes store in New Haven and a West Penn car jumped the track striking her. She says she was badly bruised and suffered considerably and that she will be unable to perform any work during her life.

In the estate of John D Walker late of Vanderbilt Squire R H Wright of Dawson has filed his bond of $500 with D W McDonald as surety.

DEBATERS CHOSEN

To Represent Uniontown Schools Against Connellsville

The committee appointed to select pupils from the Uniontown High School to take part in the literary contest between the Connellsville High School and the Uniontown High School composed of Miss Alice Horn Miss Ella Peach and Prof G W Finch met Friday and selected the following pupils: Debate Robert Jeffrey and George Harris; oration John W Darby; essay Olive Frederick all Seniors; recitation, Dorothy Phillippi Junior.

The question for the debate will be changed as it is thought by the authorities of the contesting schools that the question selected is too deep for the High School pupils.

RATES GO UP.

Pennsylvania Puts Two and a Half Cent Rate in Force

Pennsylvania railroad passenger rates took a boost February 1st and it now costs considerably more to go in any direction. The flat rate of two and a half cents was applied to every station. It will now cost 33 cents to go to Uniontown instead of 25 cents the rate enjoyed during the dispute over the two cent fare. To Pittsburg the rate is $1.41 instead of $1.12. To Scottdale the rate is 18 cents and to Greensburg it costs 62 cents.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has not changed its rates as yet but there is a likelihood of February being the last month that the two cent rate will be enjoyed over that line. The turn of events has left the B & O a splendid opening to secure P R R traffic but Pennsylvania interests in the B & O will not likely see that condition of affairs all over the State last very long.

The new rate too will take many of the patrons of the Pennsylvania between Uniontown and Connellsville back to the trolley cars. There were some surprises at the local Pennsylvania station Saturday when the new rates went into effect under the new order.

TAKE THE PLEDGE.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Men at Smithfield Agree to Leave Liquor Alone

All the railroad men in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Smithfield have signed the pledge and are now riding high and dry upon the water wagon. This action was the result of the general order issued by the company directing that men in its employ should abstain from the use of intoxicants both while on and off duty. The Smithfield men were looking to their jobs and determined to cut out the nasty red stuff.

There are many complaints among railroad men in Connellsville of the system of spotting that they declare is being enforced. Railroad men say that these spotters go about asking men on the streets to have a drink and then it is long to report the ... to their superior officers. They claim that this is an unfair game.

PARALYTIC STROKE

Fatal to Wm H Fitzpatrick of the South Side Last Night Funeral Monday

William H Fitzpatrick who with his wife made his home at the residence of A B Morton 305 South Pittsburg street died Friday following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered a few days ago. Deceased was 4. years 9 months and 11 days old and was born in Ohio. He came to Connellsville several years ago. He is survived only by his widow and his parents in Ohio. Mr Fitzpatrick was engaged as foreman of construction gangs working in this neighborhood.

The funeral took place from the Morton home at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev A J Ashe pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church will officiate. Interment will be made in Hill Grove Cemetery.

GEO W. COUGHENOUR DEAD

A Veteran and Former Resident of Connellsville

George W Coughenour died Friday evening at 9:10 o'clock at his home in Uniontown of stomach trouble. If Mr Coughenour had lived until February 27 he would have been 69 years old. The deceased was born in Connellsville in 1839 and was the oldest child of Mr and Mrs Daniel Coughanour both deceased. He was an old soldier having served in Company F Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves during the Civil War.

In 1862 Mr Coughenour married Miss Amanda E Withers of Uniontown and to them eight children were born of which six survive: Mrs William N Porter Pittsburg, Charles George S and Ewing H Coughanour, Mrs Elizabeth Boord and Mrs G W Little all of Uniontown. Frank H and Daniel are dead. He is also survived by one brother and five sisters Alexander H Coughanour of Connellsville, Mrs Pauline Mercer of Rochester Pa, Mrs James Jones of Greensboro, Mrs S D Woods of Connellsville and F C Yohe of Pittsburg. Funeral notice later.

NEW PENSIONS

Secured for Veterans Through Congressman A F Cooper

WASHINGTON D C Feb 1—Congressman Allen F Cooper has been notified that the following pensions have been granted to residents of the 23rd Pennsylvania Congressional district:

John A Phillippi	Rockwood	$1.
Isaac F Seitz	Dunbar	1.
Henry Huff	Vanderbilt	1.
John Boyer	Upper Middletown	1.
George R Brigh	Summit Mills	8
Amos D Finegan	Mc...dale	1.
Wm T ...nnedy	(alias Wm T Conard) Uniontown	1.
Alexander C Pringle	Dawson	1.
Joseph J Hudson	Fayette City	1.
John ...	Freed	1
Wm R Farmhouse	Mickleysburg	..
William Johns	Dickerson Run	1
Samuel C Pryor	Pine Bank	12
Ambrose Welling	Dunbar	1
Simon P Hager	Farmington	14

Religious Revival at Normalville

Normalville is in the midst of a great religious revival.

RAILROADS COMPLAIN.

Say They Cannot Find Telegraphers to Meet Law's Requirements

Judging from statements made yesterday the railroads complaining of the law which will become effective March 1 prescribing a nine hour day for railroad telegraphers must take the initiative in the movement to secure a modification of the statute.

The subject was discussed with members of the Interstate Commerce Commission by vice presidents and operating managers representing nine trunk line railway systems. They informed the Commission that the railroads were unable to render strict compliance with the law inasmuch as its requirements of a nine hour day for telegraphers would require the employment of 10,000 additional men.

They represented that it was impossible to secure such an army of men as the class desired upon short or long notice. The Commission was therefore asked to request Congress to make such a change in the law as to meet present conditions.

JAMES G. BINNS,

Republican Candidate for Nomination as Register and Recorder at April Primary

The campaign for county offices is opening up in old Fayette and numerous candidates have announced themselves as willing to spend their time and best endeavors in the interest of the people at the County Seat. Candidates for the State Legislature are appearing in numbers and it is a deep question as to who will finally win. For the office of Register and Recorder the most active candidate up to the present time is James G Binns

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of Fayette City who thus early, is conducting an effective campaign and it is the intention of Mr Binns and his many friends in the county to leave no stone unturned in the thorough canvass they have mapped out.

Mr Binns is well fitted for the office in question having been connected with the banking business and interests in the Monongahela valley for years. He is a son of William H Binns of Jefferson township who is well known throughout the county as a man of worth and honor himself, and if he adheres to his present plan of a personal canvass nothing can stop his getting the nomination he seeks.—Adv

ON ANOTHER TRIP.

Looking for More Money to Keep Him From Serving Sentence and Goes to New York

George H Proctor the peripatetic prisoner of the Fayette county jail who is under sentence to the penitentiary started Thursday on another trip East this time outside the confines of Pennsylvania. Proctor was placed in the safe keeping of Constable Milton Morris elected by the prosecutors of Proctor for the job of watchman in waiting to the prisoner.

Proctor left Uniontown last evening on the 9:30 street car for Connellsville where he boarded the 11:20 train for the East. This morning Proctor will start on the search for sufficient money to extricate him from his difficulties in Uniontown.

ORPHANS COURT

Guardians Appointed by Judge Work in Several Cases

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Judge J C Work has completed the testimony in the estate of Isabella Crossland of Uniontown. A number of exceptions were filed to the account of O P Miller administrator by a daughter in law.

A C Sherrick of Vanderbilt has been appointed guardian of Mary Nancy and Ellen Holliday minor children of Hulda Holliday of Vanderbilt.

Samuel H Moore has been appointed guardian of Henry Harry and Alva Ross minor children of Ellen Ross of New Salem.

Fitzgerald Trolley Promoter

According to reports received from Clarksburg Thomas E Fitzgerald late manager of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad is in New York raising funds for the completion of the trolley system from Pittsburg to Clarksburg by way of Morgantown.

Dedication of Court House

The Greensburg Court House is to be formally dedicated on Friday

12TH ANNIVERSARY

Of the Junior Order at Perryopolis Held Friday Evening.

FINE PROGRAM WAS ARRANGED.

Speakers of Prominence Were Present—There Were 90 Members in Attendance Who Sat Down to Banquet.

PERRYOPOLIS Feb 1—The Perryopolis Council Junior Order United American Mechanics celebrated their 12th anniversary last evening by banqueting in the Carson hall. J Buell Snyder acted as master of ceremonies. After the invocation exercises by Rev J H Enow J Alvin Byers delivered a very appropriate address of welcome in which he cited the 90 guests to some glad tidings brought about by the order and he received much applause with his incongruous wit. Rev G B Vincent of the Christian church followed with a fitting response. This was followed by a grand oratorical effort by Attorney H A Sebastian of Welcome Council Pittsburg. The principles of the order and the sentiments were portrayed and fittingly emphasized.

Another speaker of prominence was George Nesbitt of Pittsburg former President of the Orphan Home at Tiffin O. He urged moral suasion and fraternal spirit. Other numbers on the program were solos by Hazel Hixenbaugh, Nellie Haugh and Florence Brownell, a talk by Rev Brownell, and last but not least was the disposal of a repast which satisfied the inner man.

DAME RUMOR

Had a Busy Week at Confluence With Train Holdups, Kidnaping, Robberies Etc

Turkeyfoot News

Following close on the robbery in Ursina came the robberies in Somerfield everybody was nervous and Dame Rumor got busy. Some bold thieves soaked the track on the B & O loop and stalled freight No 98, held up and robbed the train crew and helped themselves to whatever suited them on the train. Nothing to it. The train was stalled but it was whole coal that leaked from a train ahead of it that did it. That a prominent business man was kidnaped on train 15 on Monday afternoon and robbed between here and Ohiopyle, nothing to it.

That Collector of Taxes Beggs was waylaid and robbed Monday night between the tannery and his home was another canard but when people are seeing everything goes. It will be a relief to the timid ones of town to learn that Officer Hawke is on duty all night and with laef going his rounds they can sleep in peace.

GOES TO COURT.

Cases of Assault and Battery Brought Against Uniontown Police to Be Aired There

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Policeman Charles Betts and Amity Provance that policeman both waived hearings before Magistrate Dawson today and gave bail for court on cases of assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery. The prosecutors in the case are Arthur Rossell and Jas Addison.

About two weeks ago Betts attempted to arrest Rossell but the latter resisted. Addison came to Rossell's assistance and Policeman Provance got into the mixup. It was alleged that the policemen used the men up pretty badly but they claimed they were not more severe than the case required.

The affair caused a small sized riot. The defendants deemed it advisable to take the case to court where it will be thoroughly aired. General attempts at resistance of officers has been charged and the police will bring this feature very forcibly before the court with the trial of this case.

MAPLETOWN INSTITUTE

Village Home of Justice Mestrezat and Other Noted Men

Mapletown News

The little village of Mapletown the home of Justice S L Mestrezat of the Supreme Court Attorney W K Minor L M Herrington and other great men was much stirred up by its recent institute. Hon Jacob Polvins was Chairman. Those who spoke were O M South of Greensboro, W H Debolt of this place, Hon A M Hartley of Ceylon, J W Willard of Masontown and H D Freeland of Waynesburg.

Good papers were read by the lady teachers. The attendance was large many teachers being present from distant parts of Greene county.

Wants a Divorce

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—Mrs Matilda E Graham has filed a libel in divorce charging desertion of her husband Frank B Graham of Connellsville. The couple were married October 17 1899 and the desertion is alleged as having occurred August 29 1906.

MISSIONARY LIFE

In Heart of Africa Described by Uniontown Girl

UNIONTOWN Jan 31—The many friends of Miss Hulda Stumpf sister of C L Stumpf of the Racket Store will be glad to learn that she has arrived with a company of missionaries in Central Africa. A letter just received by her mother contains the following interesting notes descriptive of the country its customs and her work and will be enjoyed not only by her friends but by all interested in missions.

This is a beautiful country. The view from our front door is grand. We overlook a beautiful valley and beyond that a mountain range. We can see a distance of 100 miles. The moon is new tonight. Our journey from Mombasa was so interesting. The mountains are grand and they look very much like the Alleghenies. All along the way we saw ostriches, zebra, antelope etc feeding close by the track.

We left Mombasa at 4 P M Wednesday and arrived at Kijabe Thursday night as stated above. At every station they stopped so long we could get out and walk around. At two of the places we stopped 30 minutes for lunch.

There is quite a difference in climate between here and the coast 350 miles away. It is so hot on the coast we nearly had a sunstroke but here we need fire in the evenings. We had strawberries for our first supper, also new potatoes beans peas tomatoes cabbage radishes ground cherries and all fresh from our own gardens. Seven of the girls are living in one house. Each has a separate room. We all eat together taking turns doing the cooking. They made me buyer and housekeeper for the establishment so I'm free from cooking.

My work will be the correspondence for the Director Mr Hurlburt. Our language lessons begin Monday. Mrs Myers is matron of the girls home and Cloe her daughter will teach in day school.

The frogs crickets and katydids sound just like they do at home. There is a bird here called the hammer and anvil bird makes a noise like a cuckoo clock. All along the coast and many miles inland are cocoanuts bananas mangoes palms ferns cactus etc.

I have just picked a bouquet of sweet peas and nasturtiums from our garden. There are all kinds of flowers in bloom. The roses are gorgeous. Some of the houses here are made of brick some of bamboo. Ours is of brick which are made by the natives and are quite inexpensive as labor is very cheap. A day's wages is 5 cents our money. Domestic help costs 4 rupees a month or about $1.30. When the boys are once trained they make good helpers but until we know the language it is going to be an up hill business.

Two of the workers who came out with us are going 100 miles farther inland to a new station. They leave Tuesday going 40 miles by rail and the rest by march and camp. We travelled from the coast to Kilindini on Mombasa proper by public cars they call them drawn or pushed by two natives. The cars are just large enough for six people and the track is about two feet wide. The car I was in was the last to leave and when we had gone about half way the natives got into a scrap and stopped the car and had a fist fight. There was nothing to do but to sit still and wait until they were ready to move on. They were laughing before we reached the end of the line.

MOUNTAIN MATTERS.

Brief Mention of the Happenings in Springfield Township.

CONFLUENCE Jan 31—Mrs Fred M Williams of Hazelwood was calling on friends in Confluence ... Will ... Tuesday ... will bring ... the ... White ... & C

Prof W H Kretchman ... of the public schools ... Prof Kretchman ... of the public schools ... Moores ...

Charles ... their ... houses ... is sixty ... sick ... 1 ...

Mrs C J Wasser of the Hotel ... first ... bad attack of grip.

Mr and Mrs Albert Frank drove ... Mrs Frank ... indisposed for the last few weeks.

C ... Neighbourgall is visiting relatives at Sandyville W Va.

Andy Coughenour of Dumas was a business caller yesterday.

Albert Sisler of ... Mill was calling on friends in Confluence yesterday.

Parties who have been prospecting for coal ... West ... struck a four foot vein at a depth of 7 feet.

Reeves Hill of the ... Lumber Company has returned to his home in ...

... formerly ... is dangerously ill with grippe.

... left this morning for ... Somerset ... to move ...

... were recent guests at the local hotels: W H ... Richard ... Snyder ... Dale, D C Smith Buffalo, ... Pittsburg, C A ... Rochester, ... Masontown, ... Meyersdale, John ... Scottdale.

BEAR RUN.

Personal Mention From the Masons Country Place in the Mountain

BEAR RUN Jan 27—Levi Tissue and Cyrus Snyder were business callers in Connellsville and Uniontown Monday.

Jeff Tissue was transacting business at Ohiopyle Wednesday.

Calvin Price is confined to the house with pneumonia.

Lizzie Hayes was shopping at Ohiopyle Wednesday evening.

Dr A J Colborn of Connellsville was a business caller at this place on Tuesday evening.

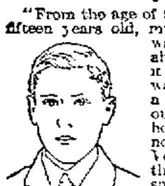
Mrs Mary E Koontz Levi and A J Tissue C C Tissue and son H J ...

PRONOUNCED HIS CASE INCURABLE

Whole Body Raw with Eczema—Life was Intolerable—Was Even Incased in Plaster—Discharged from Hospitals as Hopeless.

SUFFERED 14 YEARS CURED BY CUTICURA

"From the age of three months until fifteen years old, my son Owen's life was made intolerable by eczema in its worst form. He was all right until a red rash broke out on his forehead but we were not alarmed at first. Very soon however, the rash began to spread over his head and shoulders, and it caused him great discomfort. I took him to a doctor and tried half a dozen other treatments all with the same result, no improvement at all. The disease gradually spread until nearly every part of his body was quite raw. We had to strap him down in bed, for he used to tear himself dreadfully in his sleep. The agony he went through is quite beyond words. No one thought we would rear him. The regimental doctor a very clever man pronounced the case hopeless, at least he said the only hope was that he might, if he lived long enough, outgrow it to some extent. We had him in hospitals four times and he was pronounced one of the worst cases if not the worst ever admitted. From each he was discharged as incurable; in fact he got worse under the successive treatments. At one hospital they incased him in plaster, and this seemed to aggravate the soreness terribly. He looked so badly that no one liked to go near him and his life was a burden to him. We kept trying remedy after remedy but we had got almost past hoping for a cure. Six months ago we purchased a set of Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent Pills and persevered with them. The result was truly marvelous and to-day he is perfectly cured, his skin not having a blemish on it anywhere. Mrs. Lily Hedge, 51 Vaughan Road, Coldharbour Lane, Camblewell Green, Eng. Jan. 12, 1907."



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W Bailey, G A Hall, M C Skinner, H ... Tissue, George ... Skinner, J H Tissue, Harbaugh ... J ... Stull, Sr, Donald ..., Stephen Lugg, Reuben ..., Eliza Hamilton and Samuel Shipley were at Ohiopyle Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Reuben Lowery were the guests of friends and relatives at Dunbar ... last week.

I M Koontz and son Charles of West Newton were visiting their mother Mrs Harriet Koontz Saturday and Sunday.

G A ... was a business caller at Connellsville Saturday.

Ross Tissue and Loy ... friend were visiting friends at Mill Run Wednesday.

Miss Myrtle Bailey was the guest of friends at Crossland last week.

Mrs John A Skinner of Scottdale was the guest of her daughter Mrs L C Hawkins Sunday.

... of Connellsville was visiting ... Sunday.

The citizens of ... Corner have put a new roof on their church.

Samuel ... of Mill Run was a ... Corner visitor Friday evening.

The ... Teachers Institute held at ... Corner school house on ... February ...

Mr ... and son Orville were shopping at Ohiopyle Wednesday.

Mrs ... and daughter ... were the guests of friends and relatives here Saturday.

Clyde and John and Bert Lowery and Daniel and Charles Stull, Jesse Hall were at Maple Summit Saturday.

FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded Marriage Licenses and County Expenditures.

Orth ... Dunn ... Leon S Dunn to ... property in New Salem $1500 Jan ... 1908.

Elizabeth ... Albert F Johnson ... Alexander ... in Uniontown $800 January 19 1906.

J ... G Carroll of Huntingdon county to George W Baxter for ... property in Wharton ... November 28 1907.

W ... Coughenour to Harry Coughenour ... in Connellsville township $ ... March ... 1907.

... Brownfield and wife to ... Fayette City lot $1,000 January ... 1907.

Annie ... Rhodes and others to ... Frank ... and others for a house ... Connellsville $4,000 January ... 1908.

The Connellsville Extension Company to ... for a lot in Connellsville township $4.. March 11 1907.

Marriage Licenses

J A Dove and Bessie L Fretts both of Masontown.

J B K ... and Myrtle ... White both of Nicholson township.

Charles P Harris ... No 4 and ... of ...

James ... of ... and Alice ... of Rever.

Frank ... of South Sharon and Mabel ... of ...

County Expenditures

The following bills were paid by the County Commissioners during the week ending Saturday January ...

...	$ 50
G ... Dist ...	4 00
... 1907	17 00
...	1,081
... township	7 0
...	4 40
... Bridge	1,00 93
... Browns...	8 ..
...	58 00
...	8 ..
North Union township	175 ..
...	4 00
...	60 00
...	1 10
...	170 00
...	17 0
... Co ... for December of county ...	74
...	70 00
J W ... court house	100 00

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SCHOOL OF MINES IN CONNELLSVILLE.

Carnegie Library Trustees Have Taken the Initiative in Establishing It.

NOTHING DEFINITE IN VIEW YET.

Opinion of Mining Men in the Connellsville Region Sought—School Could Be Located on Ground Adjoining Carnegie Library and Would Be Great Thing for Connellsville

Formal action has been taken in the movement suggested a number of times to secure a school of mines or mining college for Connellsville in connection with the Carnegie Free Library which has done and is still doing such a great good in this community. At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees a committee of seven was appointed to take up the matter of establishing a school of mines in Connellsville. Nothing definite whatever has been done. There is no foundation upon which the Trustees appointed to this committee can start. They propose to get the opinion of leading mining men of the Connellsville region and the views of Superintendents mine foremen and intelligent miners. After securing these and casting about along any other line by which they might arrive at a starting basis through which to launch the movement for a School of Mines they would be ready to take up the work. The committee appointed is composed of Dr J C McClenathan L F Ruth, H P Snyder Lockwell Marietta Clair Stillwagon Edmund Dunn and W S Schenck.

A meeting of this committee was held at the Library yesterday afternoon. The establishment of a School of Mines was gone over at some length. All of the discussion of course was purely informal. The Trustees got the views and suggestions of one another.

Should the proposition come to a head and the location of a mining school in Connellsville be taken up the Library Trustees by reason of their position would enter into the work heartily. It might be possible when matters progress far enough if they reach that stage that the scheme would be brought to the attention of Andrew Carnegie with the idea of securing his financial assistance.

WYOMING COAL.

Subject of an Exhaustive Examination by Geological Survey

The coal bearing rocks of a portion of central Uinta county Wyoming were the subject of special investigation during the summer of 1906 by a party of geologists from the United States Geological Survey. This work which was under the direction of Alfred R Schultz was done primarily for the purpose of determining the outcrop of various coal bearing formations and oil beds and tracing northward the coal formations of southern Uinta county mapped during the summer of 1907 by A C Veatch assisted by Mr Schultz. The surveys were made in considerable detail. Sketch topographic maps were prepared on a scale of two inches to the mile and the data has been compiled on a single base map on a scale of one inch to the mile which shows all the streams land corners houses fences roads and trails. This map will form part of a report on this work which is now in preparation but a preliminary report has just been published in Bulletin No. 1[illegible] which forms Part II of Contributions to Economic Geology 1906 and covers the survey work in 1906 on coal lignite and peat. This paper contains a short description and summary of the occurrence and distribution of the coal bearing formations and is illustrated by a reduced copy of the base map above mentioned.

Geologic study of the region covered by the report is of special economic interest. At present the coals are scarcely known north of Kemmerer and are but little developed. In a few localities enough coal is taken from shallow pits to supply ranches in the immediate vicinity but development work is confined to this local mining. The heavy growth of timber covering the slopes is an obstacle to thorough investigation but many of the prospect pits examined confirmed coal beds ranging from 2 to 20 feet in thickness. The coal from some of these pits resembles the bituminous coals from southern Uinta county which are among the best bituminous coals in the Rocky Mountain region.

Although the mapping of the formations was not continued north and west of Snake river the coal bearing formations extend to the northwest for a considerable distance and probably cross the Wyoming State line south of Teton Pass in the vicinity of Victor Oasis and Haden on the eastern slope of the Pierres Hole (*Big Hole*) Mountains in Idaho is a series of coal bearing rocks that may be a continuation of the formations south and east of Snake river. The coal is of unusually high quality and makes a very desirable fuel for steaming and domestic purposes and has yielded some very fine samples of coke in laboratory tests.

As soon as transportation facilities can be obtained probably within a few years the coal fields of central and northern Uinta county will constitute an important factor in the coal production of the State. For many years Idaho has been supplied with coal principally from the Kemmerer Diamondville and Union Pacific mines in southern Uinta county. In busy seasons these mines have been severely taxed to furnish even at high prices sufficient coal to meet the demand of the sugar companies and smelting industries. By opening the coal beds in northern Uinta county coal equal if not superior to that of the southern part of the county can be obtained and the cost of *transportation to* northern Wyoming and southeastern Idaho can be greatly reduced.

NOT LIKELY

That an Investigation of Mine Horrors by Senate Committee Will be Made

A Congressional investigation of the mine horrors in Pennsylvania West Virginia and Alabama which seemed so probable only a short time ago is now hardly a possibility although the Senate adopted a joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a joint committee of six members of each House for that purpose and appropriating $7[illegible]000 for the work. The House leaders have about concluded that an investigation would be a useless expenditure of public funds.

The fact is that after the committee would have made its investigation Congress could do nothing.

The House Committee is making an unofficial compilation of the mining laws of the States in which disasters have occurred during the last six or eight months to satisfy the members who have offered investigation resolutions that the State laws are sufficient to deal with the subject and and that if they are not enforced the fault lies with the State officials.

The resolution adopted by the Senate is one offered by Senator Scott of West Virginia. When it goes to the House the chances are that it will go to a pigeon hole and be forgotten.

COAL VALUES.

In Greene County in 1864 and at the Present Time

In the case of Edwin Bindley and others in Greene county against L G Titus the plaintiffs it was discovered the coal there was valued at $5 an acre in 1864. The coal is located in Dunkard township and is claimed on a lease or deed which was [illegible] on the property in 1861 given [illegible] *mon Elliott to Charles S Sexton and* George W K Minor. All the parties resided in Fayette county. The lease was on a tract of ground containing 64 acres and 78 perches and called for the coal ore other minerals salt oil carbon oil and other substances. The price paid by the parties taking the lease was $300.

The Pittsburg or River vein of coal crops out on the farm several feet above the level of the river leaving only about [illegible] acres of coal on the farm. The value of the coal today is about $700 an acre.

The land and lease have both changed hands several times and L C Titus is the present owner of the surface. He also has a one-third interest in the coal.

OPENING SCOOTAC REGION.

Coal Mined There Years Ago But Town Has Disappeared

The reopening of the coal deposits at Rock Cabin *in the Scootac region* is good news to laboring men of that community who will seek employment there. These mines were first opened in 18[illegible] by the Fallon Brothers of Philadelphia. Quite a town was laid out and close to 100 houses were built. A railroad built up Scootac creek and connecting with the Philadelphia & Erie *at Queens Run afforded an out*let for these mines. The superintendent of the mines was a Scotchman named John Cummerville who lived in Bellefonte for many years.

These mines were operated at different times on and off for a period of about six years but were at last given up and abandoned and the houses allowed to decay and be burned by forest fires. Not more than 7,000 tons of coal were shipped and 11,000 tons were delivered by fire. The coal was of good quality but the demand 50 years ago was not sufficient to make the mining profitable and then so far from manufacturing centers.

During the same year operations were begun at Peacock Reveltown and Eagleton. At the latter place seven switches, built at great expense were necessary to bring the coal down the mountain side. These operations were all abandoned and the property left to fall in to ruins which fires completely obliterated save the foundations some of which are visible. The railroad was torn up and abandoned.

The railroad since built as far as Bear Swamp will afford a good outlet for these new operations. At Bear Swamp a good vein of coal is being extensively and profitably mined. The fire clay and coal which abound in the Scootac region are certain to be developed extensively which means employment to hundreds of men.

THE CONNELLSVILLE COKE TRADE.

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, February 1, 1908

Estimated Production in Tons of 2,000 Pounds

Districts	Ovens	In Blast	Out Blast	Tons
Connellsville	23 970	12,098	11,872	119 173
Lower C ville	12 329	639	6 690	[illegible] 787
Totals	36,299	17,737	18 562	21[illegible] 560

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

District	Pittsburg	West	East	Total
C ville and Lower C ville	2,306	4 913	399	5 618

Summary for the Week Ending Saturday, Janurry 25, 1908.

Estimated Production in Tons of 2 000 Pounds

Districts	Ovens	In Blast	Out Blast	Tons
Connellsville	23 890	11 687	12 203	141 728
Lower C ville	12 267	5 754	6 513	64 034
Totals	36 157	17 441	18 716	206 762

Shipments in Cars and Points of Distribution.

District	Pittsburg	West	East	Total
C ville and Lower C ville	2 689	2 738	414	5 841

NO CUT IN STEEL PRICES.

Manufacturers Decide Not to Change Cost of Their Product

Twenty-five manufacturers of steel and iron met in conference in New York last week and later met [illegible] at a dinner at which it was unanimously agreed that neither the conditions of the country nor the wishes of the trade justified a cut in prices.

This decision followed a speech by J P Morgan in which he called attention to the fact that one of the primary objects of the formation of the Steel Corporation was to prevent a runaway market in periods of unusual prosperity and likewise to prevent a slump in times of trade reaction. This could only be accomplished he pointed out by maintaining at all times fair prices to consumers and manufacturers alike.

As a result of the meeting the Steel Corporation will not try to stimulate trade by making cuts.

OFFICIALS PROTEST

Against Inspectors Recommendations for the Naomi Mine

The United Coal Company has appealed from the decision of the seven mine inspectors who made official report as to conditions at the Naomi mine near Bell Vernon following the big explosion some weeks ago. A letter similar to that sent to the officials at the Banning mine was addressed under date of January 21 to James C Henderson superintendent at Naomi. Among the other signatures to the letter was that of Henry Louttit inspec*tor for that particular bituminous dis*trict.

The company claims that to abide by the decision of the inspectors would mean a great outlay of money and take considerable time and that moreover such order is not called for by any danger to the lives or health of the men.

NEW RAILROAD

Will Enter the Big Sewickley Valley This Week

The locomotive whistle will awaken new echoes this week along the valley of the Big Sewickley creek. The iron horse is expected to reach Waltz Mill this week on the Youghiogheny Eastern railroad. Excellent progress has been made on the construction of the new line. Temporary bridges will be used for the present.

The bridge near the tipple of the Westmoreland Coal Company will carry five trestles. The distance from Hunker on the Pennsylvania South west branch to Waltz Mill is three miles.

JUDGE MELLON DEAD

Grand Old Man of Pittsburg Dies on His 95th Birthday

PITTSBURG Feb [illegible]—While celebrating the 95th anniversary of his birth here this morning Judge Thomas Mellon founder of the Mellon National Bank and a large stockholder in the H C Frick Coke Company died suddenly.

He was widely known as the Grand Old Man of Pittsburg.

Opportunity for the Ambitious

The Fairmont Coal Company is advertising that it will pay half of the expenses of any mine superintendent or foreman in its employ to secure a technical knowledge at an accredited correspondence school.

Buys Indiana Coal

John Brune of Philadelphia has purchased 500 acres of coal land in Two Lick Creek Indiana county Pa which he proposes to develop at an early date.

SEWICKLEY COAL VEIN

And Its Preservation for Operation Discussed by Coal Men.

CEMENT PILLARS IN THE MINES

Suggested by E D Fulton as a Possible Means of Protecting the Coal Which Lies Above the Nine Foot Vein of Connellsville

UNIONTOWN Feb 3—More than a score of farmers and others interested in the protection of the Sewickley vein of coal met in the large court room Saturday afternoon and for an hour or so discussed the matter. It was agreed that a complete chemical report of the coal should be had the time to be provided beforehand and submitted at a meeting to be held in March. Daniel Collier was elected Treasurer to solicit funds to secure the report which will be made on coal taken from various sections of the county.

The meeting Saturday was called to order by E D Fulton who made a rather lengthy talk in which he outlined the situation as it appeared to him [illegible] he [illegible] to [illegible]. He said there were thousands of acres of this particular vein of coal above the nine foot vein and that it was in danger of being practically ruined when the lower vein is taken out unless some provision is made to protect the surface.

Fulton stated that he had a cole plan in Nicholson township where he was coking the Sewickley and that while it had a little more sulphur than the Pittsburg [illegible] it [illegible] a good quality. He said that when coal was worth as much as $[illegible] 000 an acre it was but a business proposition to take it all out and when the big companies get exclusive mining rights they would likely continue to do so. It was hinted that in time to come there might be such a thing as cement or other pillars of the nature put in to support the overlying strata.

As to the Sewickley Mr Fulton said there was from five to six feet of good coal as good as any to be had and while all it might be done in the way of preserving it might not benefit the present generation it was incumbent the owners and operators at present to look to the welfare of the future.

Several of the farmers and owners present also made talks in which they told of the thickness of the coal on their lands and of the general quality. Everybody seemed to agree that the coal was of first quality for fuel purposes and further that where tried the coke was good.

Mr Fulton thought it might be a good idea to have a central power plant where this coal could be used for fuel for the manufacture of electricity. It was thought that power and light might be thus made much cheaper than at present.

ANOTHER CHANCE.

Review Granted in Canalization of the Yough River

WASHINGTON D C Feb [illegible]—At the instance of Congressman [illegible] Acheson who is a member of the rivers and harbors committee of congress has set [illegible] February 17 two weeks from today as the day for a hearing on a review of the war department's decision against canalization of the Yough from McKeesport to Connellsville and at that time committees from McKeesport West Newton and Connellsville are requested to [illegible] on behalf of the people of those towns [illegible] interest in hope of securing government action.

There is but one step left open to Yough boosters. The review and adverse report made by the engineers which was approved by the secretary of war closes the matter unless the rivers and harbors committee can induce the board of engineers to reduce the case and to send to engineers a commission over the route for a new report.

This [illegible] was [illegible] out [illegible] to the [illegible] coast [illegible] R [illegible] of Uniontown and it was on this [illegible] that it was decided to give the interested parties an opportunity to be heard and to offer the arguments why the matter should be proceeded on again.

MINE INSPECTORS

Want Coal Companies Appeal Dismissed by the Court

UNIONTOWN Feb [illegible]—W J Neilson and D K Blower mine inspectors of the Nineteenth District and Henry Louttit of the First District presented a petition to court this morning to strike off the appeals filed by the Pittsburg Coal Company and the United Coal Company from the decision of the mine inspectors recently filed regarding the operation of Banning No 1 and Naomi mines.

The petition is brief and recites the law [illegible] based on Section 1 Article [illegible] of the 1891 mining laws the petition states that it does not apply to the matter from which the appeal is taken.

Continuing the inspectors say Section 1 Article [illegible] provides a remedy for such conditions where the life and health of the employes is concerned. If there is any danger it can be remedied by injunction and not by appeal. Also the law referred to lays in itself a specific statutory proceeding that is exclusive and no appeal can be taken by Article 11.

FURNACE CONTRACT LET

Brier Hill Company Will Build Big Furnace

The contract for the [illegible] smelter to be built on the site of the Grace furnace by the Brier Hill Iron & Coal Company has been let to the William P Pollock Company of Youngstown. The new furnace will have a daily capacity of 400 tons and will be equipped with all modern appliances.

The Grace furnace has been in operation about 15 [illegible]. It was christened by Mrs Grace [illegible] wife of Judge G [illegible] who before her marriage was Miss Grace Todd. The furnace considering its type and capacity has been a good one. It will be blown out about March 1.

Construction work on the new stack will require about 10 months in which the old iron works has been torn away. The improvement will cost something near $1[illegible]00.

More Coal Development

Another [illegible] land [illegible] of considerable [illegible] has taken place in Carroll county. [illegible] [illegible] the past [illegible] and some of the [illegible] in [illegible] of the county has been [illegible] by [illegible] company of Pittsburg capitalists. Several [illegible] tracts lying on [illegible] mountain and [illegible] territory have been secured by this new company and it is [illegible] [illegible] will amount up to about [illegible] acres. The coal was bought outright [illegible] development will be made in [illegible].

A company of [illegible] men [illegible] [illegible] week [illegible] [illegible]

Croft Chosen President

H W Croft has been elected President of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company. Hay Walker Vice President and the following directors were elected: H W Croft, Hamilton Stewart, O M [illegible], [illegible] Furley, W [illegible] Wagton [illegible], W Rice, H I [illegible], J J Lewis, J H Cryer, R W Harbison, William Walker, F [illegible] [illegible], Hay Walker Jr, J Ha Walker and N McQuillen.

Brighter in Westmoreland

The Atlantic Crushed Coke Company which operates plants at Brucetown and Derry has received a large order for crushed coke which will insure their [illegible] for over a month. The Connellsville Hosting Company has 100 ovens [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] shut down [illegible] [illegible] the Uniontown-Connellsville Coke Company has [illegible] [illegible] ovens.

Coke Burners New Device

Joe Cummings of Titusville Alabama [illegible] coke burner is said to have [illegible] coke oven [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ordinary [illegible] oven which [illegible] will not [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] 000 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with a [illegible] [illegible] which will [illegible] heavy pressure.

Application for Charter

Application for charter has been made for the Pursley & Steen Coal Company with its operations in [illegible] [illegible] W Va. The incorporators are [illegible] Bates W D McGinnis [illegible] J McGinnis F R [illegible] and [illegible] De [illegible] of Connellsville.

To Discuss Short Weights

[illegible] [illegible] and coke producing interests [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Bellevue Stratford Hotel [illegible] [illegible] discuss the question of short weights [illegible] shipments of materials.

Large Coal Output

BROWNSVILLE [illegible]—The [illegible] of coal [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] Dist [illegible] Brownsville [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was 19[illegible] tons.

To Ship Coal Soon

The Atlantic Coal Company will shortly ship coal from its new mine near Roswell Somerset county.

GREENE COUNTY COAL LAND.

Few acres of coal land have changed hands in the last year in Greene county. The records in the Commissioners office shows that 7,835 acres have changed ownership. Of this amount J V Thompson et al purchased 2,018 acres the Pittsburg & Westmoreland Coal Company purchased 2,[illegible]1 acres while the remainder has been scattered among individuals.

Only about 1,[illegible]0 acres passed from the original owners during the last year.

J V Thompsons largest holding in the county is in Morgan township. Here he owns in[illegible] [illegible] (,[illegible]20 acres besides an interest in other tracts in the same township.

The following table shows the number of acres of coal in Greene county which have been sold and the number still in the hands of the original owners also the holdings of J V Thompson and the largest individual holders in the county and the assessed value of all coal per acre.

The value of the coal lands of Greene county according to the assessed valuation is in round numbers $27 000 000. This is probably one third to one fourth of the actual value of the land. Of the $27 000 000 only $5 000 [illegible] represents the assessed value of the coal still remaining in the hands of the original owners.

Twenty-two million dollars represents the assessed value of the coal which has passed from the hands of the original owners to other parties. J V Thompson and others of Uniontown have holdings assessed at nearly $7 000 000 or about one third the total held apart from the original owners of the land.

	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aleppo	1[illegible]40	[illegible]136	[illegible]	[illegible]
Center	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cumberland	188	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dunkard	[illegible]	4[illegible]4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Franklin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilmore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Greene	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jackson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jefferson Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monongahela	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morgan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Perry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Richhill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Springhill	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washington	[illegible]	1 80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wayne	[illegible]	11[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whiteley	10 [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rices Landing	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	7[illegible]87	91[illegible]	[illegible]	$

*Average per acre

COKE PRODUCTION GAINED LAST WEEK

But Shipments Were Smaller and Eastern Business Was Especially Dull.

CORPORATION HAS FAITH

In the Revival and Continuous Improvement in the Coke Trade—Independent Operators Do Not Look for Improvement Until Latter Part of March

Coke production last week gained over the previous week but shipments fell off, especially those to the East. Very little change occurred among the independent operators and business does not seem to improve to any appreciable extent among them. Several small operators this week announced that they will [illegible] their ovens [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] [illegible] some contracting in a small way [illegible] [illegible]. The Frick Coke Company continues to fire additional ovens each week and in addition to shipping the fresh [illegible] is [illegible] up all the stock coke at its works. A great deal of optimism seems to prevail among the officials of the [illegible] regarding the future trade and all are firm in their statements that business will improve right along. Inquiries [illegible] present revivals are on [illegible] [illegible] are strenuously denied.

Independent operators are not so hopeful however in view of the expectancy of [illegible] market before the latter part of March. All believe that April or June will [illegible] good months. Besides the fact they do not care to make [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] until they will have much to do with market conditions.

With the operation of a large percentage of coke ovens in the [illegible] of the Frick company who has [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the demand. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] The requirements [illegible] [illegible] many of his operators [illegible] allowed to operate their mines [illegible] so severe [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of money will [illegible] in [illegible] very case where [illegible] enforced. Much new machinery would be needed.

The enforcement of the safety lamp rule and the undercutting of coal are two features which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] operators while the safety lamp and the undercutting of coal will add to the safety of the miners. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] men [illegible] they have a natural [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lamp and the undercutting of coal is termed too hard on the [illegible] in days. A good safety explosive might settle one [illegible] of this difficulty but a safety lamp that miners will take to readily has not been seen in the coal fields. The majority of them are too heavy and too unhandy for the miner.

With spring now but a short way off preparations are being made to take up construction work more actively and even if the trade is poor this summer the [illegible] of these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] many more of the ovens completed.

BUSY AT GARY.

Patrick O Toole of Connellsville Making Good in West Virginia

The works of the United States Coal & Coke Company at Gary West Virginia are being pushed to first [illegible] improvements [illegible] [illegible] made and workmen of all kinds are wanted [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Patrick O Toole formerly of Connellsville [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mining [illegible] Superintendent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

OFFERED HIS STOCK.

Answer of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in Hostetter Suit.

NO ATTEMPT MADE AT HOLDUP.

Frick Company Declares It Made Prosperity Possible for Concern Whose Officers It Named—Purchase of Stock Was Regular

PITTSBURG, Jan. 30.—Denying that they were a party to a conspiracy to secure the George I. Whitney stock in the Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company for less than its real value, the H. C. Frick Coke Company and Thomas Lynch, its President, last night filed a sp[illegible] answer in the Federal Circuit Court to the suit brought by James W. Shields of Daytona, Florida. After denying a number of unimportant statements in the petition and acknowledging that Mr. Whitney was the owner of 1,000 shares of the Hostetter-Connellsville stock prior to November 12 last, the answer denies that the Carnegie Steel Company, one of the defendants, owns coal land or is engaged in the production of coke in the Connellsville basin, although it owns a majority of the stock of the Frick company.

It is denied that at any time the H. C. Frick Coke Company conspired with the Carnegie Steel Company or with any other person or company to monopolize or suppress or stifle competition in the production and sale of Connellsville coke.

The charge of conspiracy with the Steel Corporation on the part of the Frick company, the Steel Corporation and the Carnegie Steel Company is disposed of by the statement that the Frick company bought 1,000 shares of Hostetter-Connellsville in 189[illegible], many years before the other corporations were in existence. As a part consideration of the original purchase, Mr. Whitney, it is stated, gave to the Frick company an option on an additional 100 shares of stock at the same time and price he might sell any of the remaining stock. The certificate was delivered in February, 18[illegible], in escrow with what was then the Union Transfer & Trust Company.

It is stated that for a matter of seven years prior to the sale of the Whitney stock Mr. Whitney had offered his holdings in the Hostetter-Connellsville to the Frick company, but it declined to consider the proposal. Last October he proposed that it buy his stock in the company or sell him its stock at the same price. This was accepted and October 1[illegible] an option was given the Frick company for ten days after a price had been fixed by two appraisers named in the agreement. Before the appraisement was completed, it is stated, a representative of Mr. Whitney stated to the Frick company that Mr. Whitney would not be able to carry out the terms of the agreement. He asked Mr. Lynch to recommend that his company purchase all the Whitney stock for $125 a share in cash.

The next day the proposal was modified by an offer of one-fifth in cash and the remainder in notes for one, two, three and four years with interest at 5 per cent. This was declined, but the Frick company offered to pay $1[illegible] a share, which was accepted. When the agreement was being prepared it developed that Mr. Whitney could not deliver all the stock, [illegible] shares, and he was given until November [illegible] to deliver the entire amount. When the contract was made Mr. Whitney delivered 175 shares and the next day 300 shares and joined in the authorization to the Union Trust Company to deliver the 100 shares in escrow. For these he was paid in notes and cash. It is denied that the Union Trust Company delivered the stock.

Referring to the election of new officers for the Hostetter-Connellsville, the answer says that P[illegible] Keller and D. H. Coble were elected Directors of the corporation without consulting [illegible] with the Steel Corporation, and Mr. Lynch caused himself to be elected President instead of Mr. Whitney. Prior to the contract of November [illegible], the Hostetter was officered and directed by officers selected by Mr. Whitney after conference with and approval of the Frick company.

action and it tends to destroy the credibility of the countless rumors which have been in circulation throughout the country during the past few months. It states plainly that Mr. Frick not only does control the stock or policy of the Union Trust Company, but that he is not even a member of the trust company executive committee.

It is in many respects a complete denial of the many sensational charges alleging conspiracies on the part of prominent Pittsburgers in the recent coke deal. The way in which the $1,000,000 loan was listed being explained, together with [illegible] used by the Frick Coke Company to prevent any rival coke interest from taking possession of the Hostetter company.

The bill is one of the most interesting documents filed in the Western Pennsylvania courts for years, inasmuch as it reveals details of a deal which has been a matter of gossip in many different forms for months. The answer in its essential details is as follows, it being only the answer of the Trust Company, the other defendants being the Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company, H. C. Frick Coke Company, Thomas Lynch, Philip Keller, W. P. Dickson, D. H. Coble, George I. Whitney, Carnegie Steel Company and the United States Steel Corporation.

WHITNEY'S ANSWER

To Suit Protesting Hostetter Sale to Frick Company

George I. Whitney, one of the defendants in the famous coke suit [illegible] started by James W. Shields of Daytona, Fla., who alleged that the [illegible] of the Whitney stock in the Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company to the H. C. Frick Coke Company was [illegible] conspiracy on the part of the Union Trust Company, the United States Steel Corporation, the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the Hostetter company and others, [illegible] has filed in the United States Court a remarkable answer to the bill of complaint.

It is [illegible] he admits [illegible] everything contained in the plaintiff's bill, with the exception that the defendant Whitney was a party to the alleged conspiracy. Whitney claims to have lost at least $1,200,000 [illegible] the transaction. [illegible] he was [illegible] forced to [illegible] with the [illegible] of the H. C. Frick Coke Company [illegible] he [illegible] and [illegible] the plan.

Mr. Whitney's answer contains [illegible] the Hostetter Company [illegible] $1,000,000 [illegible] of [illegible] Company [illegible] $125 a share [illegible] the Frick company [illegible] Hostetter [illegible] Whitney [illegible] secured [illegible] at $[illegible].

[illegible] Whitney [illegible] Shields [illegible] the steel [illegible].

In answer of Whitney [illegible] that [illegible] to the [illegible] Steel Corporation [illegible] Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company. He [illegible] that at one time P. H. [illegible] of New York and [illegible] of the same city [illegible] appraiser of the [illegible] of the Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company [illegible] that [illegible] the appointment could not be induced to perform the work. The [illegible] part of [illegible] is asserted by Whitney to [illegible] to prevent him from getting a higher price for his stock. Among other things the [illegible] says:

[illegible]

[illegible] Whitney [illegible] the stock [illegible] Union Trust Company [illegible]

Miners Return to Work

Work has been resumed at the F[illegible] Coal & Coke Company['s] mine No. 1 following a strike of miners who refused to accept a reduction in wages of 10 per cent.

Close Plant Down

The Connellsville Basin Coal & Coke Company has closed down its coke ovens at Rock Forge, West Virginia.

HOSTETTER SALE.

Answer Filed in Suit Involving Sale of Coke Plant for Millions

PITTSBURG, Jan. 29.—Attorneys Reed Smith Shaw and Beal yesterday filed in the United States Circuit Court the separate answer of the Union Trust Company of Pittsburg to the suit of James W. Shields of Daytona, Florida, brought to secure an annulment of the sale of George I. Whitney's interest in the Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Company. It is alleged by Mr. Shields, who was pledgee of 100 shares of the coke company stock as security for a loan of $[illegible] made to Mr. Whitney, that the Union Trust Company was in a conspiracy with the United States Steel Corporation, the Carnegie Steel Company and the H. C. Frick Coke Company to secure possession of the Whitney holding in the Hostetter-Connellsville Company, taking advantage of the recent financial troubles of Mr. Whitney.

The answer is a plain recital of the famous Whitney $1,000,000 loan trans-

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast, Corrected to Saturday, February 1, 1908.

Works	Operator	P. O. Address	Ovens	In Blast
Acme	W J Rainey	New York N Y	262	
Acme	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown Pa	86	
Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	275	200
Alverton No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	252	150
Alverton No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	104	
Atlas No 1	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar Pa	90	90
Atlas No 2	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar Pa	120	
Atlas No 3	Cambria Steel Co	Dunbar Pa	92	
Bagaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	400	[illegible]
Beatty	Mt Pleasant C Co	Greensburg Pa	182	100
Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	300	150
Bourne	Wharton Coke Works	Uniontown Pa	56	50
Boyer	Mt Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg Pa	120	
Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	240	150
Brush Run	Brush Run C & C Co	Mt Pleasant Pa	30	
Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	306	153
Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	260	151
Carlyn	Peerless Conn Coke Co	Connellsville Pa	52	52
Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	303	200
Chester	F A Humphries & Co	Scottdale Pa	51	
Clair	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg Pa	100	60
Clarissa	Jas Cochran & Sons	Dawson Pa	108	[illegible]
Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	120	120
Continental No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	400	300
Continental No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	226	200
Continental No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	300	200
Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	120	[illegible]
Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	[illegible]	250
Dexter	J R Stauffer C Co	Scottdale Pa	40	40
Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	200	100
Eller No 1	[illegible] Coke Co	Trenton Pa	10	100
Eller No 2	[illegible] Coke Co	Uniontown	0	70
Elizabeth	[illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	80	40
[illegible]	W J Rainey	New York N Y	218	
Empire	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown Pa	150	60
Enterprise	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	18	
Florence	E A Humphries & Co	Scottdale Pa	20	20
Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York N Y	186	
Foundry	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	97	
Franklin	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale Pa	50	[illegible]
Frick	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	105	
Gilmore	Gilmore C & C Co	Uniontown Pa	101	
Grace	W J Rainey	New York N Y	108	
Hecla No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	272	200
Hecla No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	40	100
Hecla No 3	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	40	200
Henry Clay	H C [illegible]	[illegible]	125	10
[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	Mt Pleasant Pa	0	40
Home	Hoffer & White	Scottdale Pa	20	20
Hostetter	Hostetter Conn Coke Co	[illegible]	55	10
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	100	100
[illegible]	Harbison Walker [illegible] Co	Scottdale Pa	20	20
[illegible]	Juniata Coke Co	[illegible]	250	
K	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg Pa	306	100
Leisenring No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible] Pa	500	50
Leisenring No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible] Pa	501	[illegible]
Leisenring No 3	H C [illegible] Co	[illegible]	204	[illegible]
Leith	H C [illegible] Co	[illegible]	305	200
[illegible]	H C [illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	227	110
[illegible]	H C [illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	0	25
[illegible]	[illegible] Coke Co	Conn [illegible] Pa	32	
[illegible]	H C [illegible] Coke Co	[illegible] Pa	610	110
[illegible]	H C [illegible] Co	Pittsburg Pa	400	[illegible]
[illegible]	Brown & [illegible] Co	[illegible]	22	
[illegible]	[illegible] Coke Co	[illegible] Pa	165	100
Mt Braddock	W J Rainey	New York N Y	540	100
[illegible]	[illegible] Co	[illegible] Pa	82	
[illegible]	H C [illegible] Co	[illegible] Pa	197	110
Mutual	Brown & Cochran	Dawson [illegible]	29	
Nellie	[illegible]	[illegible]	212	150
Oliphant	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Oliver Pa	928	[illegible]
Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder S Co	Oliver Pa	480	[illegible]
Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder S Co	Oliver Pa	300	300
Oliver No 3	H C [illegible] Co	[illegible] Pa	228	
[illegible]	W J Rainey	New York N Y	485	[illegible]
Paul	[illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	92	
[illegible]	[illegible] Co	[illegible]	3	
Perry	[illegible]	Perry Pa	18	
Rainey	W J Rainey	New York N Y	17	[illegible]
Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	60	[illegible]
[illegible]	W J Rainey	New York N Y	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	110	110
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40	
Shamrock	[illegible]	[illegible]	6	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	116	240
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	625	[illegible]
Southwest No 1	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	252	100
Southwest No 2	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	20	120
Southwest No 3	H C [illegible] Co	[illegible]	151	
Southwest No 4	H C [illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	61	
Spring Grove	[illegible]	Dawson Pa	661	511
[illegible]	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	50	
Sterling	H C Frick Coke Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Stewart	[illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	112	
Summit	H C [illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	40	40
Thomas	[illegible]	[illegible]	121	
Trotter	[illegible]	[illegible]	311	350
Tyrone	[illegible] Coal Co	[illegible]	50	
United	[illegible]	[illegible]	250	200
Union	W J Rainey	New York N Y	72	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	251	200
Veteran	[illegible]	[illegible]	80	
White	[illegible]	[illegible]	200	100
Whitney	[illegible] Coke Co	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Wynn	[illegible]	[illegible]	130	200
York Run	[illegible]	[illegible]	40	[illegible]
Youngstown	[illegible]	[illegible]	241	180
Totals			[illegible]	12,098

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A PROTEST BY COAL COMPANY AGAINST INSPECTORS' REPORT.

Recommendations Laid Down to Be Followed at Banning No. 1 Mine Would Cost Enormous Sum of Money.

WANT A SPECIAL COMMISSION

Appointed by Court to Make Examination of Condition in the Banning Pit—Appointees to be Three Disinterested Persons.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 30.—The Pittsburg Coal Company, through its attorney, George D. Howell, has appealed to the court from the report of the special commission of State Mine inspectors on Banning No. 1 mine adjoining the ill fated Darr mine on the Yough river, and the recommendations and provisions made by the inspectors under which it will be allowed to operate. The coal company asks the appointment of three disinterested persons by the court to investigate the conditions in Banning No. 1 and report to the court regarding them.

In the report made by the inspectors they give warning to the company that unless the recommendations are complied with an injunction against the company will be asked of the court. The report of the inspectors declared that the mine was gaseous, asks that the company be compelled to permit only the use of safety lights in its operation. They are further required to furnish 200,000 cubic feet of air per minute, establish a new water system and sprinkle the sides, roof and floor of the mine to within 100 feet of any point where a shot is fired, and to make a large number of minor improvements. The report on the mine and recommendation is signed by W. J. Neilson, 19th district; C. B. Ross, 2nd district; I. G. Roby, 5th district; Elias Phillips, 4th district; Alex. McCanch, 7th district, and Joseph Bell, 13th district.

The company contends that the mine is safe and that the recommendations made by the inspectors, if the company is compelled to carry them out, will be very costly and work a great burden upon them. The company states that it will do everything in its power to assist the appointees of the court, and that it will comply with the recommendations insofar as it is able, as it desires to have ever thing right.

Following the explosion at the Darr mine in December, James E. Roderick, Chief of the State Department of Mines, and in that capacity head of the State Mine Inspectors, appointed a special body of inspectors to visit the mines of Western Pennsylvania and make recommendations for their operation tending to improve existing conditions and remedying certain evils. This special committee has visited the Naomi mine of the United Coal Company, where an explosion killed 37 men on December 1 and also the Banning mine No. 1 of the Pittsburg Coal Co. at Van Metre, Fayette county. The report of the inspectors has been forwarded to the Superintendents of these mines and calls for some radical changes in methods of operation. The recommendations for these two mines are identical, except that it is recommended that 200,000 cubic feet of air per minute be pushed into the Banning mine, while at Naomi 150,000 cubic feet is required. The other recommendations apply to both mines.

The following is the report in full:

James C. Henderson, Superintendent Naomi Mine, Operated by the United Coal Company, Bellevernon, Pa.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned inspectors of bituminous coal mines, have proceeded to said Naomi mine where danger is alleged to exist and, on the 21st day of January, 1908, have examined into the matter and after a full investigation of said mine, we, being all of the inspectors making such examination are agreed in the opinion that there is immediate danger therein, arising from its gaseous condition, lack of proper ventilation, the use of open lamps therein, and from deposits of coal dust, which endangers the lives, health and security of the miners employed therein. And you are hereby instructed to remove such conditions forthwith, and provide at least one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) cubic feet of air per minute at the inlet or inlets of said mine, and have the same properly and constantly circulated through all the working places, main entries and cross entries, so as to dilute and carry off and render harmless the noxious and dangerous gases generated in said mine; and also that you adopt a more perfect system of ventilation and conduct the air by by means of overcasts, instead of the numerous doors which now are found in said mine.

To work said mine exclusively with locked safety lamps.

To install and maintain a sufficient water system and to thoroughly water and keep wet the sides, roof and floor of all working places, main entries and cross entries, and to thoroughly water, as herein directed, all working places for a distance of not less than one hundred feet back from the working face immediately before any shot or shots are fired otherwise we shall be obliged to apply to the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Fayette for an injunction to suspend the work in and about said mine in accordance with the provisions of Article 11, Section 1, of the Act of Assembly approved May 15, 1893, entitled "An Act relating to bituminous coal mines and providing for the lives, health, safety and welfare of persons employed therein."

Henry Louttit, Inspector of 1st Bituminous District; C. B. Ross, Inspector of 2nd Bituminous District; I. G. Roby, Inspector of the 5th Bituminous District; Elias Phillips, Inspector of 4th Bituminous District, Joseph Knapper, Inspector of 8th Bituminous District; Alexander McCanch, Inspector of 11th Bituminous District.

January 24th, 1908.

In addition to the dangers which you are instructed to remove from Naomi mine we would recommend to you the following additional precautions in order to protect the lives and health of the miners and the mine itself:

1st. *That you allow no blasting on ends of pillars, or pillar work.*

2nd. That you use the best flameless explosive.

3rd. That competent shot firers be selected and employed to prepare, charge and fire the shots, after the workmen are out of the mine. These shot firers to have the right to refuse to charge and fire any hole which, in their judgment, would be unsafe to fire, and all stemming to be done with clay or other incombustible material.

4th. That a different type of coal cutting machines be substituted for the chain machines.

5th. Dust should *not be allowed to* accumulate in the mine.

6th. You should employ a sufficient number of fire bosses so that they can make a careful examination of the mine without undue haste.

7th. That you shall see to it that the mine foreman devotes his whole time to his duties in the mine, as prescribed by the Act of May 15, 1893.

8th. That the mine foreman shall [illegible] discipline at all times.

9th. We also recommend that the system of mining be such that a greater percentage of the seam be removed from pillars so as to allow the overlying strata to fall, closing up all cavities where gas might accumulate and endanger life and property.

COKE OVEN BASIS

Declared to be Inferior in Rating for Cars in Virginia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—The Interstate commerce commission yesterday announced its decision in the case of the Powhatan Coal & Coke Company against the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company and 56 coal *operating companies in the Pocahontas* district, involving allegations that the "coke oven basis" of car distribution unduly discriminates against the complainant and a request of complainant that the so-called capacity basis of car distribution be adopted.

The commission decided that the coke oven basis did not fairly measure the *relative rights of the various* operators and that it unduly discriminated against the *complainant*. The commission declared that when the supply of cars was inadequate it was the duty of the carrier fairly to distribute the available number of cars among all operators.

The Norfolk & Western Railway *Company is ordered to cease and de*sist for a period of at least two years from enforcing the coke oven basis in said district. It was further ordered to establish for at least two years a regulation whereby coal cars shall be distributed fairly and equitably among the operators along its line in said district, without undue *discrimination against or undue preference in* favor of any of said operators.

MINE VIOLATIONS.

Officials Prosecuted for Various Infractions of the Mine Laws.

T. D. Thomas mine superintendent at Banning No. 2, T. K. Smith, mine foreman, A. Hohenshell and *Samuel Rallings and James Pancoast*, fires bosses at Banning No. 2, were given hearings on Wednesday before Squire H. M. Smutz of New Haven on charges of violating the State mining law, made by D. R. Blower of Irwin, State Mine Inspector. The men are charged with neglecting to notify the State Mine Inspectors of violations of the law in instances of miners passing danger signals. The men gave bail for court. The arrests were made by Constable William Shrum of New Haven yesterday afternoon.

Frank Guido, employed in the Davidson mines, was also given a hearing *on a similar charge. The information* was made by State Mine Inspector T. D. Williams. Guido is charged with entering the mine with matches on his person. In default of bail he was taken to Uniontown this morning by Constable William Shrum, and *committed to jail to await trial at March* court.

BIG DONATION.

Hero Commission Gives $25,000 to Darr Relief Fund.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission yesterday contributed $25,000 to the Darr Mine Relief Fund, bringing the total fund up to $70,000. The Commission made a contribution of $30,000 to the Monongah Relief Fund. It was a remarkable fact, and one which was taken into consideration by the Commission, that in both of the disasters there was not a living person to claim the reward provided for bravery by the Fund, but that many brave acts must have occurred is certain, and upon that basis the Com*mission in all probability based its* action for a contribution. It is the first time in the history of the Commission that contributions of like nature have been made.

Burn Somerset County Coal.

A fact not generally known is that nearly all the vessels in the great squadron now en route for San Francisco under the command of "Fighting Bob" Evans, are supplied with coal from Somerset county. The Alabama and many other vessels are burning coal mined at the Jenner No. 2 mine of the Somerset Coal Company.

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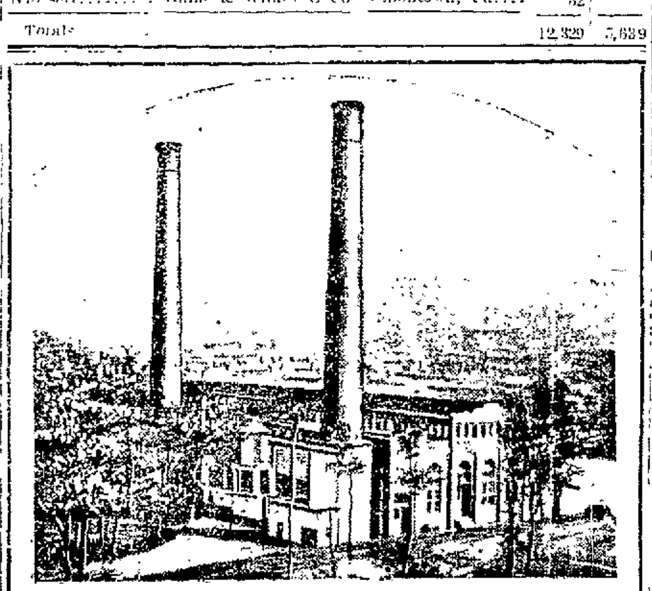
Ada	Ada Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	40	
Annamyra	Leckrone Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	32	32
Atcheson	Republic I. & S. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	138	70
Baxter	Baxter Ridge C. & C. Co.	Cheat Haven, Pa.	20	
Brier Hill	Brier Hill C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	470	470
Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	426	320
Burchinal	Smithfield C. & C. Co.	Smithfield, Pa.	30	12
Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville, Pa.	205	135
Coffman	South Fayette C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	34	
Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	
Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	30	
Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	300	
Cyrilla	Ricks C. & C. Co.	Connellsville, Pa.	112	20
Crystal	Sackett C. & C. Co.	Smithfield, Pa.	120	120
Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	168	168
Donald	Consolidated Con. C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	402	240
Dolcthes	Iron City C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	40	12
Dorothy	Jacob's Creek C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	14	36
East Connellsville	East Connellsville C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	52	
Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	500	350
Edna	Waltersburg C. & C. Co.	Waltersburg, Pa.	117	
Emery	South Fayette C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	12	
Finley	Ingles Hyne Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	32	
Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	
Francis	Sunshine C. & C. Co.	Masontown, Pa.	50	
Fretts	South Fayette C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	80	
Griffin	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	499	250
Herbert	Con. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	100	100
Hustead	Hustead-Semans C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	200	100
La Belle	LaBelle Coke Co.	Fredericktown, Pa.	200	
Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Waltersburg, Pa.	220	220
Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	460	350
Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	516	366
Lincoln	Lincoln C. & C. Co.	Scottdale, Pa.	400	340
Low Phos.	Con. Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	151	170
Martin	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	195	100
McKeefry	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, O.	202	102
Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	100	80
Murphy	Eckard Coal & C. Co.	Perryopolis, Pa.	60	60
Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Newcomer, Pa.	30	
Orient	Orient Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	480	350
Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	124	124
Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	32	
Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	168	
Perry	Perry C. & C. Co.	Perryopolis, Pa.	30	
Plumer	Plumer Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	72	
Republic	Republic I. & S. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	400	200
Rich Hill	Rich Hill C. & C. Co.	Outcrop, Pa.	120	40
Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	186	186
Searights	Taylor C. & C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	358	225
Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	260	50
Smithfield	Uniontown Coke Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	20	...
Solon	Prospect C. & C. Co.	New Salem, Pa.	100	
Sterling	Con. Connellsville C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	290	130
Struthers	Struthers C. & C. Co.	Fairbank, Pa.	200	
Teresa	Sunshine C. & C. Co.	Masontown, Pa.	150	
Thompson No. 1	Thompson Con. C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	160	
Thompson No. 2	Thompson Con. C. Co.	Pittsburg, Pa.	240	
Virginia	Con. Connellsville C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	160	30
Washington No. 1	Washington C. & C. Co.	Dawson, Pa.	500	150
Washington No. 2	Washington C. & C. Co.	Dawson, Pa.	500	
Whitsett	Kaine & Wilkey C. Co.	Uniontown, Pa.	32	
Totals			12,320	5,639



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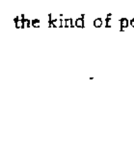

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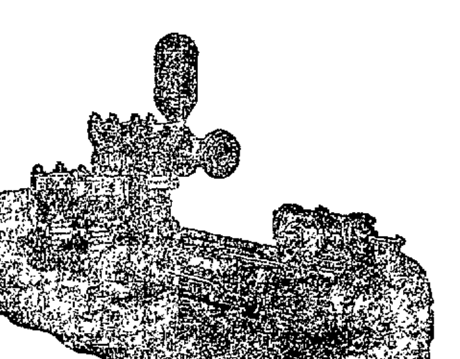

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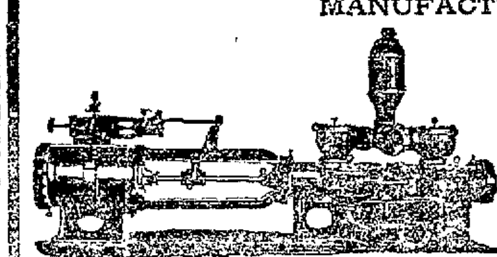

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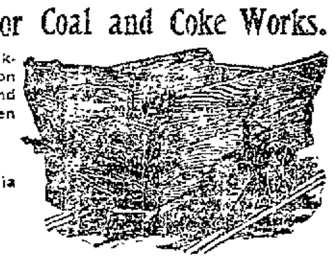

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PRESIDENT RAPS CORPORATIONS FOR ABUSING ADMINISTRATION.

He Urges Immediate Re-enactment of the Employers' Liability Act in Special Message to Congress

ALONG CONSTITUTIONAL LINES.

Is Against the Injunction Abuse and Goes After the Criminal Rich in Characteristic Fashion—Not to Blame for Financial Panic, Says Mr. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON D C Jan 31—President Roosevelt this afternoon sent to Congress a special message answering the attacks Corporations have recently made on the Administration and dealing with labor The message is more than 15 000 words in length and there are many sharp paragraphs

The President advocates the re-enactment of the employers liability law limiting its scope so that it shall apply only to the class of cases as to which the court says it can constitutionally apply A law compensating employes in the service of the Government is also advocated The law should apply on Panama Canal and insular work The President scores the use of injunction where it is used to prevent the legitimate actions of labor organizations He says the Interstate Commerce Commission should be empowered to pass on any railroad rate or practise on its own initiative The Federal Government he says must assume a certain measure of control over the physical operation of railways in the handling of stock watering and stock gambling is advocated

President Roosevelt says the Administration is not engaged in an assault on property but is strenuously upholding the rights of property Honestly incorporated business enterprises should be protected to the fullest extent, he says Corporation lawyers and editors who take their views from them are severely criticised

He says the kind of business which is hurt by the movement for honesty is the kind of business which in the long run it pays the country to have hurt It is the kind of business which has tended to make the very name high finance an eternal scandal to which all honest American businessmen should join in putting an end The special pleaders for business dishonesty in denouncing the present Administration for enforcing the law against the huge and corrupt corporations which have defied the law also denounce it for endeavoring to secure sadly needed labor legislation such as a far-seeing law making employers liable for injuries to their employes It is meet and fit that the apologists for corrupt wealth should oppose every effort to relieve weak and helpless people from the crushing misfortune brought upon them by injury in the business from which they gain a bare livelihood

A Judge who on the bench either truckles the President says to the mob and shrinks from sternly repressing violence and disorder or bows down before a corporation who fails to stand up valiantly for the rights of property on the one hand or on the other by misuse of the process of injunction or by his attitude toward all measures for the betterment of the conditions of labor makes the wage worker feel with bitterness that the courts are hostile to him or who fails to realize that all public servants in their several stations must strive to stop the abuses of the criminal rich such a man performs an even worse service to the body politic than the legislator or executive who goes wrong The Judge who does his full duty well stands higher and renders a better service to the people than any other public servant he is entitled to a greater respect and if he is a true servant of the people if he is upright wise and fearless he will unhesitatingly disregard even the wishes of the people if they conflict with the eternal principles of right as against wrong The President concludes thus

We have just passed through two months of acute financial stress At any such time it is a sad fact that entirely innocent people suffer from no fault of their own and everyone must feel the keenest sympathy for the large body of honest business men of honest investors of honest wage workers who suffer because involved in a crash for which they are in no way responsible At such time there is a natural tendency on the part of many men to feel gloomy and frightened at the outlook but there is no justification for this feeling There is no nation so absolutely sure of ultimate success

I do not for a moment believe that the actions of the Administration have brought on business distress so far as this is due to local and not world wide causes and to the actions of any particular individuals it is due to speculative folly and flagrant dishonesty of a few men of great wealth who seek to shield themselves from the effects of their own wrong-doing by ascribing its results to the actions of those who have sought to put a stop to the wrong-doing But if it were true that to cut out rottenness from the body politic meant a monetary check to an unhealthy seeming prosperity I should not for one moment hesitate to put the knife to the corruption"

PATENT OVEN DISPUTE.

Taking of Testimony in Mitchell Landis Case Ended

After many days spent in taking testimony in the dispute of the ownership of a patent coke oven claimed by T J Mitchell General Superintendent of the Rainey interests and George C Landis former Superintendent of the Mt Braddock plant the hearings were concluded Thursday The dispute is to the ownership of the patent concerns a rectangular oven sometimes called the Belgian oven ten of which were constructed for experimental purposes at the Mt Braddock plant Ever since the ovens were built and tested the question of the ownership of the patent has been in dispute although the oven has been termed by some the Mitchell type of rectangular oven

The testimony in the dispute was taken by deposition L C Hiltbee representing T J Mitchell and W J Sturgis and M M Barber of Pittsburg representing G C Landis The hearing developed a great many details regarding the new oven principally among which was the fact that there are now building in the coke region 500 of these ovens at the new Royal plant of the Rainey's and 100 of them at the Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Company's plant There are 100 of these ovens at the Connellsville Central Coke Company's plant This evidence was offered as an indication of the value of the ovens and their practicability for coke making

Many advantages were brought to light especially that in reference to the cost of handling the coke after it is made and the saving effected in the quick drawing and transportation from oven door direct to the cars The cost of constructing the ovens it was testified was not greater than for the ordinary beehive oven

The manner in which the ovens came to be constructed at Mt Braddock and the part each claimant had in the construction and design of the oven was gone into thoroughly The dispute now goes before the Examiner of Interferences of the Patent Court where it will be argued in March The decision of the court will be final and it will determine the ownership of the patent

B. & O DECREASE.

Murray Says December Showed Falling of $1 000,000 in Gross Receipts

BALTIMORE Jan 30—Commenting upon the decrease of $1 2 0 000 in net earnings of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for the month of December President Murray stated today that there was an increase in expenses of $165 000 more than accounted for by the increased rates of pay and increased charges for depreciation and that the decrease was primarily due to the falling off of over $1 000 000 in gross revenue

Over 85 per cent of the increase was in connection with the steel industry particularly coke ore pig iron etc President Murray stated that he had been much gratified by the movement of bituminous coal which comprises about 50 per cent of the company's tonnage and showed an increase of something over 10 000 00 tons against a general decrease in other commodities

NAOMI SAFE.

Engineer Hogg Inspects Mine and Says Its in Good Condition

J B Hogg civil and mining engineer has completed an inspection of the Naomi mine of the United Coal Company and states that the mine is in first class condition He believes that although the inspectors reported adversely upon Naomi some time ago an inspection by them at this time will result in the same opinion that he holds of the property The inspection was made at the request of a number of the owners of the coal the United Coal Company only mining the coal upon a lease

Mr Hogg says that the air courses have been carefully established and that the ventilation now is excellent Other improvements made in the mine since the explosion have also tended to make it safe The mine is not working at present but will likely be started as soon as the coal trade warrants it

INSPECTORS BUSY.

Make An Adverse Report on Lafayette Mine

Inspectors of Mines Thomas D Williams Daniel Blower and Thomas Lowther have made an adverse report on the Lafayette mine of the Atlas Coal & Coke Company at Waltersburg and have advised the company that unless the recommendations made by them are complied with they will ask the Common Pleas Court to issue an injunction preventing the operation of the mine

The recommendations require 1 5 000 cubic feet of air properly distributed throughout the mine the abolishment of open lights and proper arrangement for the care of coal dust Failure to comply with these recommendations means immediate action on the part of the inspectors

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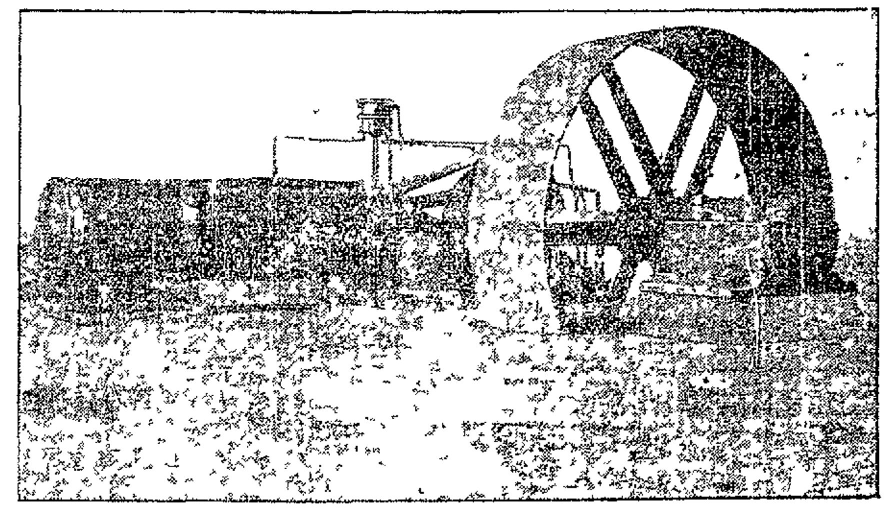

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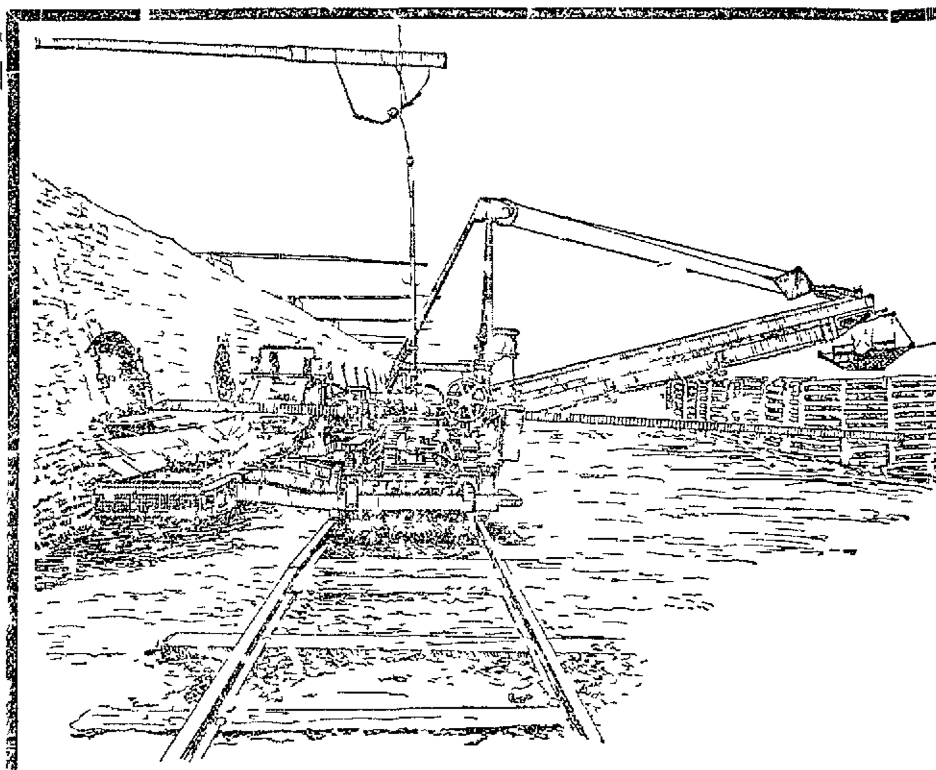

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